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STUDENT STRIKE FRONT CRACKED

Majority Agree To Return To Classes

Government's Reply To Demands

Shanghai, May 29.
A majority of Shanghai's University students agreed to resume classes today following the arrest of 64 and the reported "kidnapping" of four additional students last night.

In a last minute appeal which finally cracked the students' strike front this morning, Mayor K. C. Wu declared all students arrested (now totalling 150) would be held unless the rest resumed their classes. The Shanghai Students' Federation added its voice to the plea for the resumption of classes.

Meanwhile, police still were holding 64 National Chiao Tung University students arrested last night pending a full resumption of classes. (Students at Tsinghua University at press time were still holding out against the return.)

The local press reported a rift was developing between Mayor Wu's "moderate" policy as against the strong arm methods of the police.

The Mayor yesterday paid a quick visit to Nanking reportedly in an attempt to get authority to suppress the police tactics.

With most of their leaders under arrest, and many others injured in clashes with the police, the students' bodies were reported still undecided on participating in a nationwide anti-civil war demonstration scheduled for June 2.

At Peking police and the military took steps to prevent the demonstration. The chief of staff at the Generalissimo's field headquarters warned student agitators that they would be punished.

Taking no chances, the police searched Chinese men and women for concealed weapons at busy intersections.—Associated Press.

Classes Resume

Shanghai, May 29.
The government-operated universities today resumed classes after two weeks of student demonstrations, but it was estimated that only 5,000 out of nearly 10,000 were attending.

The students agreed to resume following the Mayor's assurance to release those who have been arrested as soon as the schools are normal.

At least one private university was still holding out.—United Press.

Reply To Demands

Nanking, May 29.
The People's Political Council presidium, officially replying to the student demands submitted on May 20, said today that the PPC was doing its utmost to bring about the resumption of peace talks and to increase the educational budgetary appropriations.

The reply was sent to a group of professors of the Central, Nanking and other universities for transmission to the students from the Presidium members—Chang Pei-ling, Wu Yu-fang, Li Huang, Kiang Yung, Lin Hu, Carson Chang and Secretary-General Shao Li-tze.

Replying point by point to the students demands, the presidium said:

- (1) It is a misunderstanding on the part of the students to feel their protests were ignored by the government or the PPC;
- (2) The government will release all arrested students and investigate police officers on responsibility for the May 20 riot;
- (3) The government is not in a position to repeal the May 19 mandate forbidding demonstrations since it was issued to maintain social order and security;

Compensation

- (4) Regarding the students' demand for an assurance against the recurrence of incidents similar to that of May 20, the government announced it is as unwilling as the students to allow such incidents to occur;
- (5) The government agreed to pay compensation and all medical expenses of students wounded on May 20;

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NAZI GENERAL'S SUICIDE

Nuremberg, May 29.
Lt. Gen. Franz Buehler, who was indicted as a Nazi war criminal, died at 1.30 a.m. today of injuries suffered when he threw himself from the third floor of the Nuremberg jail.

The 53-year-old former Commander of German troops in Norway leaped over the third floor guard rail in the jail. He cleared the suicide net and crashed into scaffolding in the lobby, fracturing his skull and injuring his arms and legs.—United Press.

The First Day Of Spring

London, May 28.

The bright summer sun—so rare a thing in Britain—shone down upon London today and strange things happened.

Fireworks began exploding in one shop, setting fire to an adjoining building. The police blamed it on the sun.

Later, the roof of an unoccupied house burst into flames, which spread to another building before they were brought under control. This was blamed on the sun again.

And three frightened chickens suddenly turned up in a busy London thoroughfare, tying up traffic. The police did not blame it on the sun.—United Press.

Diamonds Theft Sentence

Tokyo, May 29.

Col. D.J. Murray was today sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for 10 years, dismissal from the service and forfeiture of all pay allowances upon conviction by a general court martial for misappropriating 500 diamonds from the Bank of Japan of which he was the Eighth Army's official custodian.

Murray was convicted on six counts including two charges of violating the 59th and 60th Articles of War. The indictment charged that Murray betrayed his trust as custodian of the bank vaults when he took property belonging to the United States Government, smuggled 500 diamonds into the United States and swore falsely to the customs declaration in San Francisco.

The court reduced the value of the gems from \$200,000 as first charged in the indictment to \$34,000 which is the estimated wholesale value.—United Press.

New Demands Made On Turkey

Ankara, May 29.

The Premier told Parliament today that "a certain foreign power" had sent a note asking Turkey for bases.

He did not name the power referred to but said that the request was made "on the pretext of common measures of defence."

Turkey was faced with what amounted to territorial claims, he declared, and she was "bound to maintain vigilance in an atmosphere full of dangers."

There was no indication, the Premier said, that these claims would be renounced.

After mature reflection, the Government had decided that under present conditions, demobilization was impossible.

"We cannot minimize the heavy burdens destiny might lay on us if world affairs led to conflict," he declared. "Turkey by her present position has become the cornerstone of the

Illegal Imports Into Malaya

Singapore, May 28.

The Government here today announced a crack-down on the illegal importation of United States goods into this colony, which so strictly regulates United States dollar exchange that American products are scarcer here than in perhaps any other part of the Far East.

Goods from the United States are allowed into Singapore only by permission of the Registrar of Imports and Exports, who limits licenses to items "essential to rehabilitation of the country," or in other special categories.

During March, the last month for which figures were available, Singapore exported to the United States more than four times the amount of its imports from that country.

Official Government statistics for the month show that in March the total imports were U.S.\$61,762,081, of which imports from the United States amounted to (in round figures) U.S.\$4,000,000.

In the same month, out of total exports valued at U.S.\$62,976,760, Singapore's exports to the United States were U.S.\$17,500,000.

H.K. Loophole
Despite the stringent limits on American imports designed to conserve this colony's position in United States dollar credits, Chinese importers have found a loophole through Hong Kong, where the controls are not so severe.

Singapore officials allege that American goods brought legally into Hong Kong are reshipped to Singapore as being of British origin.

Singapore Customs and exchange officials were highly exasperated this month when American cigarettes suddenly became plentiful here although their importation is completely banned.—Reuter.

French War Veterans March

Paris, May 28.

Three thousand French disabled war veterans marched, rolled and hobbled en masse on the Ministry of Finance today to demand higher pensions.

Leaders cried at the top of hoarse, cracking voices "Adjust the pension!" as the demonstrators moved through the centre of Paris, blocking traffic on all sides.

A solid block of 50 wheelchairs rolled at the head of the procession. Hundreds of followers—including women—lacked arms and legs. Many blind ones were led by others and some displayed mutilated faces.

The police did not oppose the demonstrators as they did two weeks ago, but quickly cleared a path for the marchers and routed the heavy clanking-hour traffic into side streets.

Punctuating their chant for more money with waves of canes and crutches, the veterans formed at the Place de l'Opera and proceeded down the Avenue de l'Opera and through the fashionable Rue de Rivoli to the Ministry.

Five squads of police with a radio-car detective squad joined them on the march to ensure order. There was no violence.

Older men wore rows of decorations on tattered civilian clothes while a few World War II veterans wore the full uniform of the colonial forces or Foreign Legion.—United Press.

U.S. FLEET IN GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar, May 29.

The largest United States naval force ever assembled at Gibraltar arrived today. The fleet is composed of the aircraft-carrier Leyte, the cruiser Minneapolis, the battleship Missouri, the cruiser

Job For Windsor In A Colony?

London, May 29.

Government sources said the Duke of Windsor called on Premier Clement Attlee unexpectedly today and in the course of a 40-minute conversation explored the possibilities of receiving an appointment in the Colonial Empire.

Britain's former King entered and left No. 10 Downing Street by the back door.

These sources did not disclose immediately whether the Duke was offered any appointment, but recalled that last year the Premier had advised him there was no job for him in the Labour Government's Colonial Empire.

During the war, the Duke was Governor of the Bahamas but resigned when the tropical climate affected him. The Duke, it is reported, seeks a colonial position in a more temperate zone.—Associated Press.

GUILLEN TO DIE

Manila, May 29.

Julio C. Guillen was today sentenced to death in a Manila court on a charge of murder after his attempted assassination of President Roxas on Nov. 1.

Guillen hurled a grenade at the stand where President Roxas was addressing a public meeting in Manila.

One bystander was killed and six were injured when the grenade bounced off the stand before exploding.—Reuter.

Guadalcanal Effect On Jap Plans

Tokyo, May 29.

A Japanese witness today told the International Military Tribunal here that the success of the American attack at Guadalcanal in 1942 forced the Japanese General Staff to abandon a contemplated offensive against Chungking and drop plans for operations against the Aleutians and other points designed to force the United States and Britain into a passive defence role.

In the first full discussion of the wartime Japanese General Staff strategy before the Tribunal, former Lt. Gen. Shinichi Tanaka, Chief of Operations of the General Staff from 1943, denied Japanese plans for future operations were knocked aside by the American Marine-led attack in the Solomons beginning August 1943.

Tanaka, placed on the stand by the defense, to deny the existence of any plans for an offensive against the USSR and Far East after the outbreak of the German-Russian war, in an 8,000 word affidavit went on to discuss the strategy through the end of 1943 when he left his post.

He said that after the Imperial Conference on July 2,

Huntington and Houston, and three destroyers.

Three more destroyers and the cruiser Fargo are expected to arrive tomorrow.—United Press.

Viceroy On Way To India

London, May 29.

The Viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten, with Lady Mountbatten, left Northolt aerodrome at 07.15 this morning in the Viceregal plane, a specially fitted York, on their way back to India.

Lord Mountbatten is carrying with him the proposals approved at the Cabinet meeting last Friday for the handing over of power. It is expected that he will see the Indian leaders early next week.

Lord Mountbatten refused to comment on his expectations of success. "All comment there will be will come next week," he said.

At the aerodrome to see Lord Mountbatten off were Lord Lister, Secretary of State for India, Air-Marshal Sir Ralph Cochrane, Commander-in-Chief of the Transport Command, and General Sir Geoffrey Scoones, Chief of Staff of the India Office.

Travelling with Lord and Lady Mountbatten were Lord Ismay, Mr. Watson, the Viceroy's Secretary, Captain Lancelotti, Lieutenant-Colonel Erskine-Crum, Flight Lieutenant Beaumont, Mr. Phillips and Mrs. V. P. Mannion.

Before they embarked, Lord Mountbatten shook hands with the crew of the plane, who were, Skipper, Flight-Lieutenant Scobie, Flying-Officer Allen, Flight-Lieutenant Mackie, Flight-Lieutenant Rees, Flying-Officer Pover and Sergeant Diplock.

Princess Alice of Greece travelled to the aerodrome with Lord and Lady Mountbatten.—Reuter.

Special Session Of Congress?

Washington, May 29.

Possibility of a special foreign policy session of Congress late this year unless major differences between Russia and the United States are removed was raised by a high-ranking Congressional democrat.

He predicted the administration will await the outcome of the UNO General Assembly in September and the London Council of Foreign Ministers in November before reaching a decision.

He said if substantial progress had not been made by then in resolving the east-west friction, this country must consider how its power and wealth can be used independently to restore economic stability outside the immediate sphere of Soviet influence.

The democrat leader expressed this opinion on a suggestion by former President Herbert Hoover, for independent American peace pacts with Germany and Japan.

—Associated Press.

LABOUR REBELS' DEMAND

COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA

Margate, May 29.

The Labour Party rebels asked the Party's annual conference today to renounce Government's support of the United States aid to Greece and Turkey and demand closer cooperation with Russia.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will reply to the foreign policy debate in a speech beginning at 2.30 p.m. DBST. He is expected to win a vote of confidence.

Mr. Konni Zilliacus, one of the Party's foreign policy rebels in the House of Commons, opened the debate by moving a resolution asking for closer cooperation with Russia and demanding that Government operate on the assumption that Britain need not prepare to defend herself against either Russia or the United States.

Another major resolution, introduced by the Orpington Labour Party, asked the conference to deplore British support in the UNO Security Council of American assistance to Greece and Turkey.

Mr. Zilliacus moved the pro-Russian resolution on behalf of the Gateshead Labour Party and Trade Union Council. It was revised from the version that had appeared in the conference agenda and he said it now had the support of 13 other local Labour Parties.

10-Year Peace
Deleted from the revised version was the clause asking Government to operate on the assumption that Britain would not be engaged in a great war in the next ten years. The following is the text of the revised version:

"This conference congratulates Government on its decision to base British foreign policy on the United Nations and recalls that the Charter of UNO is based on the fundamental principle that permanent members of the Security Council, particularly Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, must cooperate as equal partners and must trust each other to keep peace."

Crossman On Germany
Mr. R.H.S. Crossman, another of the foreign policy rebels, asked why food was not being collected in the American zone and not being delivered

from America despite the economic merger of the British and American zones.

"I think it is time we had some cards on the table with the Americans on this subject," he said. "I hope the Foreign Secretary will say bluntly to the Americans that we cannot go on paying out \$80,000,000 a year while we have food cuts in this country at the same time."—United Press.

Bevin Wins
Margate, May 29.
The Labour Party at its annual conference here today rejected by a show of hands two resolutions submitted by foreign policy rebels within the Party.

The first rejected was the Gateshead resolution calling upon Government to avoid subservience to the United States, to be moderate and cooperate more closely with Russia and to operate on the assumption that Britain need not prepare to defend herself either against the United States or Russia.

The other rejected was that by the Orpington Party deploring Government's support in the UNO Security Council of American assistance to Greece and Turkey.

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The Weather

Pressure is relatively high over E. of Japan and the Philippines and over NW China. The Ryukyu depression is moving slowly ENE and appears to have lost intensity.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate ESE winds, veering; weather fair.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 82.0 deg. F. Minimum: 74.0 deg. F. Sunshine: 2.5 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—551.7 mm.

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HONG KONG'S TRAMS TO STAY

Trolley Vehicles Not Recommended By Expert

Tram Company's Meeting

Trolley vehicles as an alternative form of transport for Hong Kong in place of trams were not recommended by Mr. S. R. Geary, O.B.E., traffic expert specially engaged from London by the Hong Kong Tramways Ltd. early this year to undertake a survey of tramway traffic in the Colony.

Short-haul highly-peaked traffic, the ability of the trams to carry excessive loads, good maintenance and long life of existing assets were given as reasons why there should be no change from the present system for many years to come.

This was revealed by Passenger Transport Board and the present Vice-President of the Institute of Transport in the United Kingdom to make a general survey of our undertaking and to advise us in particular on the question of adopting trolley vehicles or any other alternative form of transport. I cannot do better than quote from his report:—

"For reasons of the unusual features in Hong Kong of the short-haul highly-peaked traffic, the ability of the tramway cars to carry excessive loads, good maintenance in all departments, and the very considerable value and long remaining life of existing assets, I do not recommend any change from tramway operation for many years to come. He continues:—

"The track is in excellent condition and compares favourably with any tramway I have seen in the United Kingdom, the United States of America or Canada, and I consider great efforts must have been expended in bringing back the tramway to its present excellent condition. The workshops are equipped with efficient machinery and it should be possible at a reasonably early date to have more cars available for operation. The streets of Hong Kong suitable for passenger transport are not suitable for trolley bus operation."

Slow Delivery
"Although deliveries of essential equipment and maintenance material of all kinds is desperately slow, a flow is now coming forward and I am hopeful that we will be able to maintain steady progress towards rehabilitating the remainder of our tramway fleet. We are today working upon a level of 85 service cars and by autumn I hope we will be in a position to provide a regular service on all routes equal to 1941."

Causeway Road
"And this he explains is due chiefly to the very much larger number of these vehicles that would be required to carry the travelling public who now use the tramway services. What has been stated by Mr. Geary relieves me of the necessity to say much about the track and permanent way. I will confine myself to reporting that the only stretch of track in bad condition is at Causeway Road. We have been waiting for many years for Government to raise and widen this road between Causeway Bay and the western end of King's Road before we can relay the double track throughout that length."

Surveyor's Report
"Early this year your Board was fortunate in securing the service of Mr. S. R. Geary, O.B.E., M. Inst. T. (the recently retired general manager, road services of the London

scale of stage-distance fares which had been non-effective for many years and substituting our present flat-rate fare basis of 20 cents First Class and 10 cents Third Class for any distance. The amendments also adjust to present conditions the matter of penalties for offences under the Company's regulations."

Mr. Bellamy's Retirement

"Mr. L.C.F. Bellamy, M.C., A.M.I.E.E., M. Inst. T., who served the Company as General Manager from 1924 until March 1947, has retired, owing to ill health. I am glad to say that his condition has since proved to be less serious than was expected when he was flown home for special treatment. I am sure you will agree that Mr. Geary's report reflects the high value of Mr. Bellamy's services during the long period he served the Company, and you will be glad to know that he continues with us as London Consultant, in which capacity we hope he will be associated with us for many years to come. I feel sure you will wish to join with the Directors in a message of appreciation to be sent to Mr. Bellamy after this meeting."

"Mr. W.F. Simmons, the deputy general manager, has been appointed to take Mr. Bellamy's place. As you know, he had previously served as secretary of the company for many years. The present satisfactory state of the company's affairs is to a great extent due to his and his colleagues untiring efforts in dealing with the many problems with which the Company was faced in rehabilitating the service after the Japanese occupation and on your behalf I should like to express our appreciation to every one of them engaged in that task."

Disparity In Values

"Your Directors have for some time been aware of the considerable disparity between

the actual value of the tramway undertaking and the book value. This position had its origin as far back as 1910 when the issued capital of £325,000 was reduced by 75 per cent by reducing the value of the original 20/- shares to 5/- and at the same time the assets of the undertaking were correspondingly written down.

"From then on, a conservative policy was followed by successive boards of directors whereby our expansion was financed out of reserved earnings and for the greater part of the company's history the book value of the capital assets of the company were kept upon a 2/- dollar basis. Also, owing to total loss of all the company's books, it was necessary to undertake a new survey in order to re-establish proper records. It is on the basis of the new stabilised exchange of a 1/3d dollar that this present revaluation has been adjusted."

"In the year 1905, your company, amongst other assets, possessed a total of only 30 single-deck tramcars of a type very inferior from today and the original permanent-way from Causeway Bay eastwards was of single-track only; nor at that time did the tramway circle the Happy Valley district."

Fine Record

"In that year the balance sheet value of the fixed assets were as follows: £519,657 or (at 2s.) \$5,196,570. At the close of the year 1946, we owned, in addition to the other developed assets, 112 double-deck saloon-top vehicles which Mr. Geary has remarked "are built like battleships," yet the written-down book value of tramway undertaking was only \$2,211,336. I would also like to point out that in 1905 the issued capital of the company was £325,000; our nominal issued capital is still merely the equivalent of that figure at a 2/- dollar exchange."

New Situation In Trade With Japan

A telegram has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that an order has been made relaxing United Kingdom "Trading with the Enemy" Restrictions on private Trade with Japan.

The general effect of the order will be to permit future trade in goods and transactions incidental thereto, and to remove the Board of Trade and Custodian control therefrom. Previously existing Japanese property or income therefrom is unaffected.

These relaxations do not imply any immediate relaxation of the rules in force in Japan which permit no financial or commercial relations between persons in Japan and outside. All sales to, and purchases from Japan must therefore continue on the Government-to-Government basis, in force.

On such figures alone, the necessity of adjustment must be apparent. I feel therefore, I need say no more than that the revised valuations as to the separate assets concerned are based on the findings detailed by Mr. Geary in his report, to which I have already referred at length. These figures have also been closely discussed with the company's auditors and are approved by them. Accordingly, the revaluation appears in the total of \$8,779,137 shown in the present Balance Sheet. This creates, per contra, a fixed assets revaluation reserve difference between this figure and the previous book-figures amounting to \$6,607,801.

Extra Staff

"A further item for comment is under the heading "House & Other Property." New expenditures shown represents rehabilitation costs of war-damaged properties and the cost of additional staff quarters."

"The net profit for the year is \$2,273,359 from which appropriations to general reserve account of \$564,728 and to special contingencies reserve of \$150,000 have been allocated. With regard to special contingencies reserve, this in most part is provision for the increased benefits now enjoyed by all employed personnel of the company such as workers' retirement allowances, death gratuities and a workmen's compensation scheme, to mention only a few of them. Owing to current conditions it has been necessary to increase the number of employees, especially in the traffic departments. Today, your company has 1,350 persons in regular and full-time employment whereas in 1941 the total staff was under 1,000. We now engage a Chinese staff doctor, installed at the depot, and provide a dispensary service with free medicines available to all grades of employees."

"After allowing for these appropriations, the balance available for consideration is \$1,458,631 and a dividend of \$2 per share, absorbing \$1,300,000 has been recommended. This leaves a balance of \$158,631 to be carried forward in appropriation account."

Fixed Assets

"I now propose the resolution:—That the report of the directors and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1946, as presented be adopted, and that a dividend of \$2 per share, hereby declared, be paid for the year 1946."

Mr. D.J. Gilmore, seconding the motion, said:— "This being the first occasion since the termination of enemy occupation of the Colony that it has been possible to issue a report for a completed working year, naturally we have listened with especial interest to the most encouraging review of the state of the company's affairs just given to us."

"I am sure shareholders will join in commending the far

Coming Events

May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.
May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.
June 6—A.S. Watson & Co. Ltd., annual meeting, HK Hotel, 11.30 a.m.
June 7—Seventh Extra Race Meeting.
June 9—H.K. & Whampoa Docks extraordinary meeting, noon.
June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd., annual general meeting noon.

Police Recruits Resign

The "China Mail" learned yesterday that over a hundred members of the local Chinese Police Force (all new recruits who have just been passed into the Force from the Police Training School) have sent in their resignations.

The reason behind these resignations is said to be due to the low scale of wages being paid. According to the "China Mail" informant, policemen are at present only being paid \$120 a month, from which sum \$40 is deducted by Government for messing. As the majority of policemen are married and have families, it is contended that the balance of \$80 is totally inadequate for the maintenance of one's wife and family. Up to the present, there have been no resignations by any of the Chinese detectives, who are also paid approximately \$120 per month, plus an additional allowance of some \$30 or so.

Sessions Case

The trial of Kwok Chung alias Chan Sze, Lam Yau Po and Tsang Tam, who are charged with attempted armed robbery, assault with intent to rob and armed robbery commenced before Mr. Justice T.J. Gould yesterday.

Mr. A. Longdale, assisted by Inspector A. Soutar, is conducting the prosecution. The case for the Crown is that four robbers, entered 4 Third Street at about 4 a.m. on April 13. Their visit had been expected, however, and Police were awaiting them.

Their knock on the door was answered by an amah who, becoming alarmed at the sight of a revolver and dagger held by the first two robbers to enter the house, immediately scrambled for safety beneath a table. Kwok and Lam, who followed these two men, were unarmed.

On noticing the presence of the police, the man with a dagger immediately attacked a detective. He was wounded in the leg when fired upon by the policeman.

The man in possession of the revolver ran upstairs, followed by Kwok and Lam, into the arms of other policemen. Shots were exchanged. One of the men fell.

After Kwok and Lam had been taken into custody, Inspector Soutar (who was in charge of the Police Party) found that the armed robber who had been shot was wounded in the head. The man was sent to hospital where he later died.

The other wounded robber is still in hospital. The third accused was arrested in Third Street before the arrival of the other robbers. He was noticed loitering suspiciously in the centre of the road and when questioned by a detective, was unable to satisfactorily answer the questions put to him. After evidence by other witnesses, hearing of the case was adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

OPIUM DIVANS RAIDED

As the result of further raids carried out by the Kowloon Police on opium divans on Wednesday, three keepers were fined \$115 and one \$110 by Mr. W.H. Latimer, while another was mulcted in the sum of \$150 by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr, yesterday.

Of the 20 addicts arrested, 11 were fined \$15 each, five \$5 each, and two absconded. The total of 12 pipes, 12 lamps, and 87 small pots of opium were seized. Notice of conviction will be served on the respective landlords.

PRE-WAR DEPOSITS: COMPANY STATEMENT

The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., in common with other utility companies, has had the question of the repayment of pre-war security deposits under consideration for some time, but the position was complicated by the effect of the Moratorium, which permitted the payment of pre-war debts, but barred persons from enforcing their rights to collect payment of debts due to them.

Thus, whilst the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. had received sums on deposit from consumers in 1941, at the same time the company was owed money by consumers in respect of electricity supplied in November/December 1941. By reason of the Moratorium provision, it is not possible to collect these accounts.

The management appreciates that since consumers have subsequently paid deposits in the period following the reoccupation of the Colony, some hardship may be caused by reason of any further delay in dealing with the matter, and the company will therefore shortly advertise a scheme for the registering of claims for refund.

As a safeguard against the non-payment of 1941 accounts, a proportion of each pre-war deposit will continue to be retained by the company sufficient to cover any accounts for the supply of electricity in November/December 1941, which have not been paid. This money will be held as at present as security for the debt, pending the lifting of the Moratorium, when the position will be reviewed.

In the event of consumers having lost their deposit receipts, their case will be sympathetically considered, and provided that a suitable form of guarantee is completed, and essential details provided, the deposits will be refunded, on the same footing as that for consumers who have their deposit receipts intact. It is requested that Consumers who have not already applied will await for the announcement in the Press before registering their claims, so as to enable the Company's staff to deal with the numerous applications received up to date.

Readers' Letters

H.C.L. Allowance

Sir,—For the month of May the H.C.L. Allowance has been reduced from \$90 to \$84, a cut of \$6 for every monthly paid worker. Government workers are already under-paid, and this reduction (\$6 nothing to the rich but a lot to the poor) will be a severe blow to them as they are passing the day from hand to mouth. Most of them are in debt, and those who cannot borrow from any money lender joined the money lending association. They are compelled to pay a high interest for the money lent and a part of his or her salary will be paid to the association every month. (Joined many associations) Winter clothing etc have to be pawned in order to maintain the family, high interest paid, and they are lost for ever when they are not redeemed. So you can judge how much is left out of his or her salary and this goes on from month to month.

The average of the Food and Fuel figures ending 24/5/47 is \$12.56 & the allowance will be \$31 for June, that means another cut of \$3. This F & F figures is actually a prisoner's diet, and the prisoner don't have to worry for his water A/C, Electric A/C, Rent and many items in the family which a Clerk has to spend every month. The prisoner gets his clothing in jail, but the clerk has to spend some money out of his salary for clothing etc. The prisoner don't have to spend money for transportation & tuition.

The price of Rice has gone up, and as the Rent has also been increased by 30%, so the Rehabilitation Allowance should not be lowered to \$31.00 per month. Moreover a clerk has to pay his Water A/C which was included in the Rent prior to the War. The Salaries Commission met in April 13, and as we have not heard from them up to the present, I am of the opinion that by the time the results came out, the cost of living would have been lowered by a few 100%.

K.T.L.

Y.W.C.A. Classes For Women

Classes in subjects ranging from cooking to music appreciation will soon be underway at the Y.W.C.A., Duddell Street, it was announced yesterday following a luncheon meeting of the activities committee of the English Speaking Section.

On the group's programme are Cantonese, Chinese cookery, child Psychology and child care, music appreciation, Chinese ceramics and social problems in Hong Kong. The programme will be expanded as membership increases.

Designed to bring together English-speaking women in the community, the group at present is represented by an equal proportion of Chinese and Europeans.

Members of the activities committee are Mrs. Li Shu-pui; chairman, Mrs. E. M. Sands, Mrs. E. B. Price, Mrs. M. Thompson, Mrs. Lambert Kwok, Mrs. R. W. Walton, Mrs. F. I. Tsung, Mrs. Ho Ka-lau, Mrs. M. K. Butcher and Mrs. May Ho.

All interested English-speaking women in the community are invited to join.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel H. Ower-Hughes, Acting Commandant, H.K.V.D. Corps: Order No. 18/47 dated May 29, 1947:—

Hong Kong Service Rifle Association:—Practice shoots will be held on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1. Launch Timings: Saturday, May 31, Queen's Pier, 10.30 for East Pier, Stonecutters, Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon Dep. 1445 for East Pier, Stonecutters, East Pier, Stonecutters Return 1230 for Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon and Queen's Pier, Sunday, June 1, Queen's Pier, 10.30 for East Pier, Stonecutters, Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon Dep. 1030 for East Pier, Stonecutters, East Pier, Stonecutters Return 1230 for Star Ferry Steps—Kowloon and Queen's Pier.

Part 2 Orders: Order No. 18/47—Strength decrease: 4048 Sgt. Dixon, V.C., F.C. Company Engineers w.e.f. 23/5/47. (Sgd.) J. WESTON

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

Notice
Squash Racquets. It has been suggested that an inter-unit squash racquet competition should be run in the Command, teams to consist of 4 players. Should insufficient unit entries be received, a squash ladder might be run. It is very much hoped that we can enter an H.K.V.D. team for the inter-unit competition. Any Volunteer interested in either the inter-unit or individual competition should submit his name to the Adjutant without delay.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

The trial of three members of the Japanese Imperial Army—Col. Tamura Tetschi, Major Hirano Nobuo and Captain Fujino Masayo—opens at 10 a.m. in No. 5 Military Court. They are accused of being concerned in the killing of Fred Hockley, a Sub-Lieutenant of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, at Ichinomiya, Japan on or about August 15, 1945.

FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW

Owing to technical difficulties in the printing department the current week's issue will be on sale only to-morrow, Saturday, May 31st.

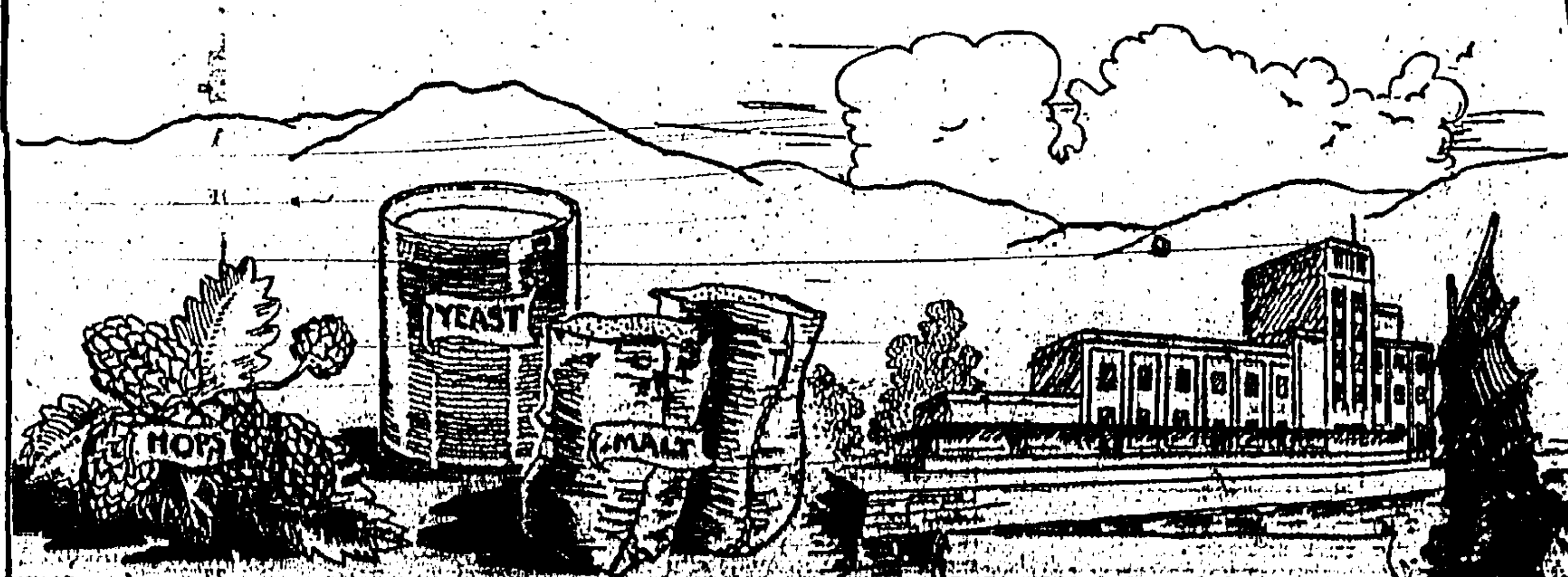
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MANPOWER POLICY DEBATE

Bitter Words And Noisy Interruptions At The Labour Party's Conference

DON'T SNATCH!

Margate, May 28. Eight dishwashers at the two hotels occupied by Government Ministers and other delegates to the annual Labour Party conference quit work today, demanding a 22 wage increase. Hotel managers washed up dirty dishes left from the conference banquet. The incident occurred just after Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Party's political boss, told the conference, "Don't snatch at higher wages."—United Press.

A Good Cheque But It Bounced Around

Washington, May 28. That \$100,000,000 cheque got snubbed again. It is not that nobody wants it. It is just that the donor and recipient have not managed to get together.

Yesterday, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation director, John Goodloe, and the Secretary of the Treasury, John Snyder, called at the State Department to present the cheque for the Greek Turkish programme to Gen. Marshall.

Photographers and reporters were present but Marshall wasn't. Nobody thought to tell him about the ceremony and he had gone home.

Another effort was scheduled at noon today. Reporters and photographers were invited to attend.

But this time nobody told Goodloe and Snyder about it. But Gen. Marshall will get the cheque and the Greek and Turks get the money. Snyder and Goodloe are putting it in an envelope and letting the mules take over.—United Press.

"VANGUARD" TO REFIT

London, May 29. The Admiralty announced today that the 40,000-ton battleship "Vanguard"—the largest in the Royal Navy—will be laid up for six months for refitting.

The battleship was damaged by a small fire in South African waters while carrying the Royal family on their recent tour.

"Vanguard" leaves Portsmouth June 10 for Devonport for a refit.—Associated Press.

Congress Stands For A United India

New Delhi, May 28. The Congress Party still stands for a United India, but if it must bow to the Moslem demand for a division, it does not want the split to be carried out by the British Government, Dr. J. B. Kripalani, President of the Party, said in an interview.

Only five days before the coming conference here, Dr. Kripalani, head of the largest single political grouping in India, declared that Britain could turn over power to the Indian Interim Government right now, let it act as a Dominion Government with the Viceroy as the constitutional head, and then let it decide for or against partition.

If the Interim Government had the power that now rests with the Viceroy to interfere in provincial affairs, "there is every possibility of stabilizing peace in the provinces," he said.

"We agreed to the State paper of May 16 last year, (the Cabinet Mission plan) which provided for a single Constituent Assembly

"REBEL" MOTIONS WITHDRAWN

Margate, May 28. A stormy session of the Labour Party's annual conference, marked by bitter words and noisy interruptions, ended today in solid support for the Executive Committee's policy in manpower and economic planning as summed up by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton.

Two resolutions—of them one "viewing with alarm the size of armed forces relative to the manpower of the country"—were withdrawn and one calling for a review of Britain's military commitments was defeated by a two to one majority.

The resolution proposed by the Mine Workers' Union and supported by Mr. Dalton, calling for steps to give adequate labour force to the under-managed industries, was accepted.

The session opened with a hearty applause speech by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, who commended Dalton's position today.

"We, like the Russians, are pursuing the deliberate policy of less today for more tomorrow," he said. "If we don't tomorrow will be a more miserable state than today."

Mr. Morrison paid a tribute to the support given to the labour programme by employers, who were being asked to co-operate in a national plan of a kind with which it was not always easy for them to sympathise; by managers and technicians; and by the middle classes, who were experiencing a painful and difficult reduction in their living standards as well as by organised workers.

He disclosed that today 90 per cent of the people with the lowest incomes command 67 per cent of the national purchasing power as compared with 55 per cent before the war.

Mr. Dalton, replying to the debate, said: "We must not count on raising any further overseas credits." With this statement, Dr. Dalton demolished all arguments and rumours which have persisted in the past few weeks that Britain intended to seek a second loan from the United States.—Reuter.

Withdrawn

The three "rebel" motions withdrawn or defeated of Mr. Dalton's request were:

1. The Lark Divisional Labour Party's motion urging review of Britain's military commitments in order that her military forces might be rapidly reduced—defeated on a card vote, 2,357,000 to 1,109,000.

2. The Cannock Divisional Labour Party's resolution calling upon the Government to "reorientate its foreign policy" to enable a substantial reduction in the size of the armed forces—withdrawn.

3. The Hampstead Labour Party's resolution urging Government to reduce armed forces, employ foreign workers and supply incentives to production by reducing taxes in the lower and middle income groups—withdrawn.

Mr. Dalton's speech, concluding the manpower and economic debate, barely saved the Labour Government from defeat. Three out of every four speeches by preceding speakers had been critical.

Mr. Dalton said the Government had no expectation of asking for another United States loan.

"Government is basing its whole production policy on the extreme desirability of avoiding such a loan by closing, in the meantime, the dangerous gap between imports and exports," Mr. Dalton warned the conference that the country must be made to understand the urgency of the national situation.

"Prices in America have risen sharply against us," he said. "And dollars are dwindling fast. We like many other nations which were in the zone of war danger, are still handicapped by the slowness with which peacetime production rises. The United States, with her vast equipment untouched, is not thus handicapped. That is why the world has to turn to her for many goods, but if we put our backs to it, I think we can close the gap."

Several speakers preceding Mr. Dalton criticized Government's lack of an overall economic recovery plan.

"We entirely agree there should be a nationwide plan enabling us to guide our production," Mr. Dalton replied for the Government.

At Mr. Dalton's suggestion, the conference adopted a resolution from the National Union of Mineworkers, calling for necessary measures to ensure an adequate labour force for underemployed industries.

Mr. Dalton said the only satisfactory and permanent solution to the problem of manpower for coal mines was to make mining attractive by raising the status and standard of living of the miners.

Mr. Dalton rejected any mandatory government direction of labour to the various industries. He urged rejection or withdrawal of the Cannock resolution because it sought to predetermine the foreign policy debate, scheduled for tomorrow.

Mr. Dalton said the question is how far the number of troops can be reduced in future. This can only be determined when the treaties with the satellite powers are ratified.

"ANTI-SOVIET SLANDER"

London, May 28. Radio Moscow, in its first comment on the Labour Party conference at Margate, said today that it was evident that some "people would like to make this conference an occasion for propaganda against the Soviet Union."

The broadcast said that even before the conference was opened it was clear that a "campaign of plainest anti-Soviet slander was afoot."—United Press.

ture. This can only be determined when the treaties with the satellite powers are ratified.

Cries of "no" and "nonsense" interrupted him.

Mr. Dalton went on: "The reason is because it has been stated that our troops come out within 90 days of ratification."

A Defeat

The Executive suffered its first major defeat when the conference adopted a resolution demanding immediate equal pay for equal work in the national civil and Government local service.

Mr. James Crawford, of the National Boat and Ship Workers' Union, begged the conference on behalf of the executive to reject the resolution on the grounds that the word "immediate" would mean upsetting Government's crowded parliamentary time-table.

Mr. Crawford said Government favoured the principle of "equal pay" but asked the conference to trust the Ministers to establish this policy as soon as it could.—United Press.

Carried

Despite the Executive's opposition, the resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority on a show of hands. When a card vote was taken, it resulted in a decisive defeat for the Executive by 2,310,000 votes against 598,000.

It was announced tonight that the new Party Executive had appointed Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and Power, as chairman for the coming year.—Reuter.

A "Federation" For The Caribbean

London, May 28. A new move to develop a political and economic federation between the two million people who occupy Britain's colonial empire in the Caribbean area was announced in a Government White Paper today.

Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, Colonial Secretary, has suggested to the colonial governors (the White Paper discloses) that a conference should be held in Jamaica in September with complete freedom to approach the problems, to be attended by three delegates from each of the seven colonies involved, accompanied by the chief legal and financial advisers.

A memorandum attached to the White Paper set out six matters for consideration:

1. A single customs union for the Caribbean.
2. A single system of income tax.
3. Joint operation of administrative, medical, legal, police and postal services.
4. Joint coordination of shipping, postal and broadcasting services.
5. Cooperative development of research and planning and social welfare.
6. A central authority for defence and security.

Not The Bahamas

The colonies involved are Barbados, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Trinidad, Windward Islands, British Guiana and British Honduras.

The Bahamas alone have been excluded from the invitation because they are not a colony.

When ordered to stop, the camel-drivers opened fire. A running battle ensued until the smugglers were overpowered and arrested.

According to the Frontier Corps the booty included 70,000 rounds of ammunition, 33 rifles, ten revolvers and three Tommy-guns.—Reuter.

Washington, May 28. Robert A. Lovett of New York, was confirmed by the Senate as Undersecretary of State. Lovett was former assistant Secretary of War. He succeeds Dean Acheson who resigned to enter private business.—Associated Press.

Berlin's Wave Of Murders

Berlin, May 28. Berlin police hunted today for a strange killer who wrapped the head of his victim in a Communist newspaper. The finding of 18 bodies, six of them women, in less than a month has local policemen scrambling through the city searching for slayers who strangled, drowned or beat their victims to death.

Still unidentified is the head of a man, wrapped in the January 17 issue of the Left Wing "Vorwaerts," found nearly three weeks ago in the rubble of a house in the Russian sector of Berlin. The head had been nearly severed and there were no traces of injury.

Only five of the recently found victims have been identified and only one of the slayings has been solved.

The ghastly discovery on May 17 of parts of a female body, including bones, shreds of flesh, part of the skull and one foot, in an ashheap, was cleared up four days later.

The police said Alfred Volkman, who committed suicide four days later, beat his wife to death after a quarrel, cut her into pieces and stuffed her into a furnace.

Still listed as unsolved were these:

The strangled body of a 30-year-old frau in a blue-flowered blouse, scarlet slippers, stockings, girdle and dark coat. A path of bloodstains, splashed across an empty lot in the American sector, led to the body buried a foot beneath the surface.

Stuffed In Crate

The bound and badly decomposed body of a woman, stuffed into a crate, which was dragged from one of Berlin's many canals.

The body of a 50-year-old man, discovered in a reeking cesspool at the edge of the city.

The double murder of two men, whose partially covered bodies were found on the sandy edge of a creek.

A male body stuffed in a sack, which was estimated to have been immersed in a stream for six weeks.

Ten other men, most of them found floating in streams in separate parts of the city after having been slain by various means, according to the police, who said there was no indication of any connection among the killings.—United Press.

Greece today requested an immediate inquiry by the Nations Border Investigation team into the incident on the Yugoslav-Greek frontier a few days ago, when two Yugoslav soldiers were slain as they crossed the border and captured a Greek police officer.

The team began an examination of earlier frontier incidents which the Greek Government said had taken place on Greece's northern borders since March 2.—Reuter.

Burglars Returned

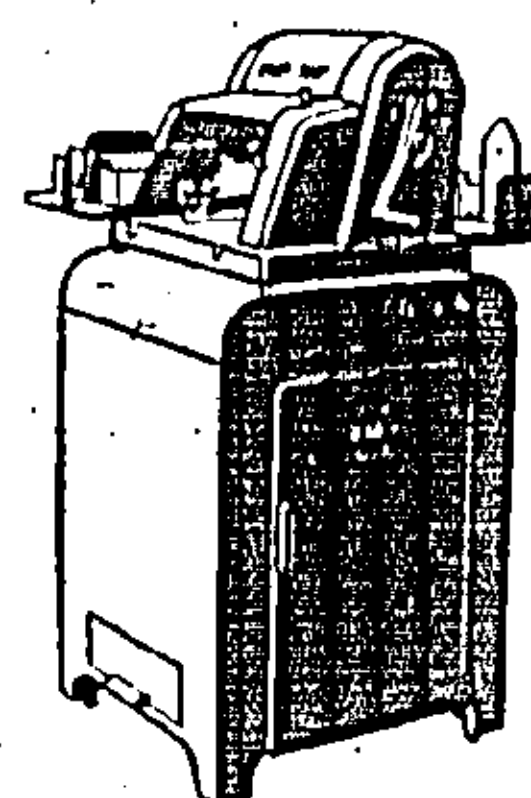
London, May 28. Some £15,000 were stolen from a house in a northwest London suburb by thieves who paid two visits in quick succession.

On the first occasion, they took £4,000 worth of jewellery, but apparently they were disturbed and left in a hurry.

Furs, including a mink coat and sable cape, were stolen on the second visit.

The thieves took things easy and stayed long enough to read comics which were left scattered on the floor.—Reuter.

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Reserve of the Company
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A. D. LEARMONTH,
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Hong Kong, 12th May, 1947.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Island Lot No. 6302	Junction of Smithfield Road and Cathick Street.	As per sale plan. Area coloured red.	4,918 (about)	\$214	\$220.00

Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the purchaser shall
according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum
of \$5,000.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the
Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the
Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENNIF,

Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, 21st May, 1947.

THE CHINA EMPORIUM LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the fourteenth ordinary
general meeting of The China
Emporium Limited will be held
at the registered office of the
Company Nos. 62A-68 Queen's
Road Central, Victoria in the
Colony of Hong Kong on
Saturday, the 31st day of May,
1947 at 3.00 o'clock in the
afternoon, for the purposes
following, namely, to receive
and consider the annual state-
ment of account and balance
sheet, and the reports of the
directors and auditors thereon;
to elect directors and auditors
in the place of those retiring,
to sanction the declaration of a
dividend and to transact the
other ordinary business of the
Company.

The transfer books and regis-
ter of members of the Com-
pany will be closed from Satur-
day, the 24th day of May, to
Saturday, the 7th day of June,
1947, both days inclusive, dur-
ing which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that at the same place,
and on the same day, an extra-
ordinary general meeting of the
Company will be held at the
times below mentioned, namely:

(1) The meeting of the Found-
ers shareholders at 3.15
o'clock in the afternoon, or
so soon thereafter as the Or-
dinary general meeting
shall have concluded, and,

(2) The meeting of the Or-
dinary shareholders at 3.30
o'clock in the afternoon, or
so soon thereafter as the said
meeting of Founders
shareholders shall have
concluded

when the sub-joined Resolu-
tions will be proposed as
extraordinary resolutions:

1. That the authorised capital
of the Company be in-
creased to \$5,000,000.00
Hong Kong currency divid-
ed into 12 Founders'
shares of \$10.00 each and
499,988 Ordinary shares of
\$10.00 each by the creation
of 500,000 new Ordinary
shares of \$10.00 each.

2. That it is desirable to
capitalise the sum of \$668,-
520.00 being part of the
undivided profits of the
Company now standing to
the credit of the reserve
fund, and accordingly
that a bonus of \$5.00
per share on the 133,704
issued shares of the Com-
pany (divided into 12
Founders' shares and 133,-
692 Ordinary shares) be
and the same is hereby
declared; and that the Di-
rectors be and they are
hereby authorised to satisfy
such bonus by the distribu-
tion of 66,852 Ordinary
shares of the Company
Nos. 133,693-200,544 (in-
clusive) credited as fully
paid up amongst the per-
sons who, on the 24th day
of May, 1947, were regis-
tered as holders of the
133,704 shares of the Com-
pany (12 Founders' shares
and 133,692 Ordinary
shares) at the rate of one
share for every two shares
of the Company held by
such persons as aforesaid
and in satisfaction of such
bonus as aforesaid; and
that such shares shall rank
for dividend pari passu
with the existing shares.

Dated this 24th day of April,
1947.

By order of the Board of
Directors,

CHUNG KWAN TING,
General Manager.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of the Company will be
held at 18 Pedder Street (1st
floor) Hong Kong on MONDAY
the NINTH day of JUNE,
1947, at NOON, for the pur-
pose of proposing and if
thought fit passing the sub-
joined resolutions as a special
resolution, viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered in the manner
following:—

(a) Article 17 shall be can-
celled

(b) In the third line of
Article 71 the word "two"
shall be substituted for
the word "three"

(c) The following Article shall
be substituted for Article
76 — "76. Subject to any
special terms as to voting
upon which any shares of
the Company may have
been issued or may for
the time being be held,
upon a show of hands
every member present in
person shall have one
vote, and upon a poll
every member present in
person or by proxy shall
have one vote for every
share held by him."

By Order of the Board,

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong,
Dated this Ninth day of May,
1947.

HONG KONG SERVICES RACE CLUB

Racing under the auspices of
the Hong Kong Services Race
Club having ceased notice is
hereby given that NO CLAIMS
for unclaimed prize money or
sweepstake tickets in respect of
past races organised by the
Hong Kong Services Race Club
will be entertained after 30TH
SEPTEMBER 1947.

C. T. BOKENHAM,
MAJOR

HON. TREASURER
HONG KONG SERVICES
RACE CLUB.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF GEORGE

EDMOND FOX late of Har-
bour View Hotel, Chatham
Road, Kowloon in the Colony
of Hong Kong, Assistant
manager of War Supplies
Board, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates Or-
dinance, 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 18th day of June 1947.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 21st day of May, 1947.

DE ACONS,

Solicitors for the Administratrix,

Prince's Building,

HONG KONG.

HONG KONG NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 15 of 1947

VICTORIA HARBOUR HONG KONG

REMOVAL OF WRECK

Position — 005° 4.97 cables from
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Details — The wreck lying in the
above position has
now been removed.

Charts affected — 1459, 3270, 10,818.

Authority — Harbour Master.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
28th May, 1947.

ROYAL FAMILY DRAW PACKED HOUSE

The greatest show on earth so far as Britain is
concerned—the Royal Family on display—
drew a packed house to the gardens of
Buckingham Palace today for the first "pre-
sentation party" in several years.

In brilliant sunshine, some 5,000 people from the
Government, diplomatic corps, peerage and
society milled about the biggest garden in
London, grimly intent on catching a nod or
smile or a treasured word or two from the
King, Queen, the two Princesses or the Queen
Mother.

Proud fathers and mothers
ferried debutante daughters
here and there in a flurry of
introductions, preening in the
knowledge that their mere pre-
sence at the party conferred the
magic label, "presented at
Court", without which life is
socially unthinkable.

Actually, there were very
few presentations as such, for
the keynote of the affair was in-
formality and the Royal Family,
with the practised ease born of
long association, gathered their
own crowds, speaking, nodding
or smiling to as many as pos-
sible.

"My dear, my dear!"
squealed an excited debutante.
"I caught the Queen's eye evah
so many times!"

The Queen caught many other
eyes too, in her turquoise dress
with an ostrich-feathered hat
to match and a turquoise silk
parasol held over her head.
Queen Mary again belled her 80
years, agilely covering hundreds
of yards, also with a parasol,
and with her inevitable toque
hat.

"Best Ever Hat"
Princess Elizabeth drew
many pleased looks in what
whisperers described as her
"best ever hat"—a white and
pink modification of a turban,
matching her white and pink
ensemble. Princess Margaret
was all in white.

The party turned out to be
a summer fashion preview,
with short flowered frocks pre-
dominating, although several
score women wore long Ascot
creations with picture hats. The
men wore morning coats with
grey or black top hats or else
wore uniforms.

The presentation garden
party replaces the glittering
pre-war court ball until the pre-
sent maternity period is ended—
possibly within the next two
years.

On June 10, American wo-
men will attend a garden party
and thus become the first Amer-
icans to win the presentation-
at-court distinction since before
the war.—United Press.

Could Fight For A Year

Rio de Janeiro, May 28.
Insurgent chiefs in Para-
guay's three-months old civil
war told General Negrão de
Lima, the official Brazilian For-
eign Office mediator, that they
could fight for a year if neces-
sary.

General de Lima, who in-
formed the Brazilian Govern-
ment of the results of his mis-
sion, reported that it would be
most difficult to restore peace.
The insurgent chiefs told the
mediator that they would agree
to peace only if the Govern-
ment accepted certain condi-
tions—which it is almost cer-
tain that the Government would
refuse.

Severe fighting in the Para-
guayan civil war began on
March 7, when insurgent forces
opposed to the government of
President Morínigo seized Con-
cepcion, about two miles north
of the capital, Asuncion.
Since then, fighting has de-
veloped into a deadlock.—Reu-
ter.

Grandview, Mo., May 28.
President Truman said today
that his mother has improved to
a point where he is thinking
about returning to Washington.—
United Press.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

For Information of Ship
Operators and Charterers

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED
THAT WEDNESDAY, 28TH
MAY, 1947, HAS BEEN DE-
CLARED A WEATHER NON-
WORKING DAY.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 29th May, 1947.

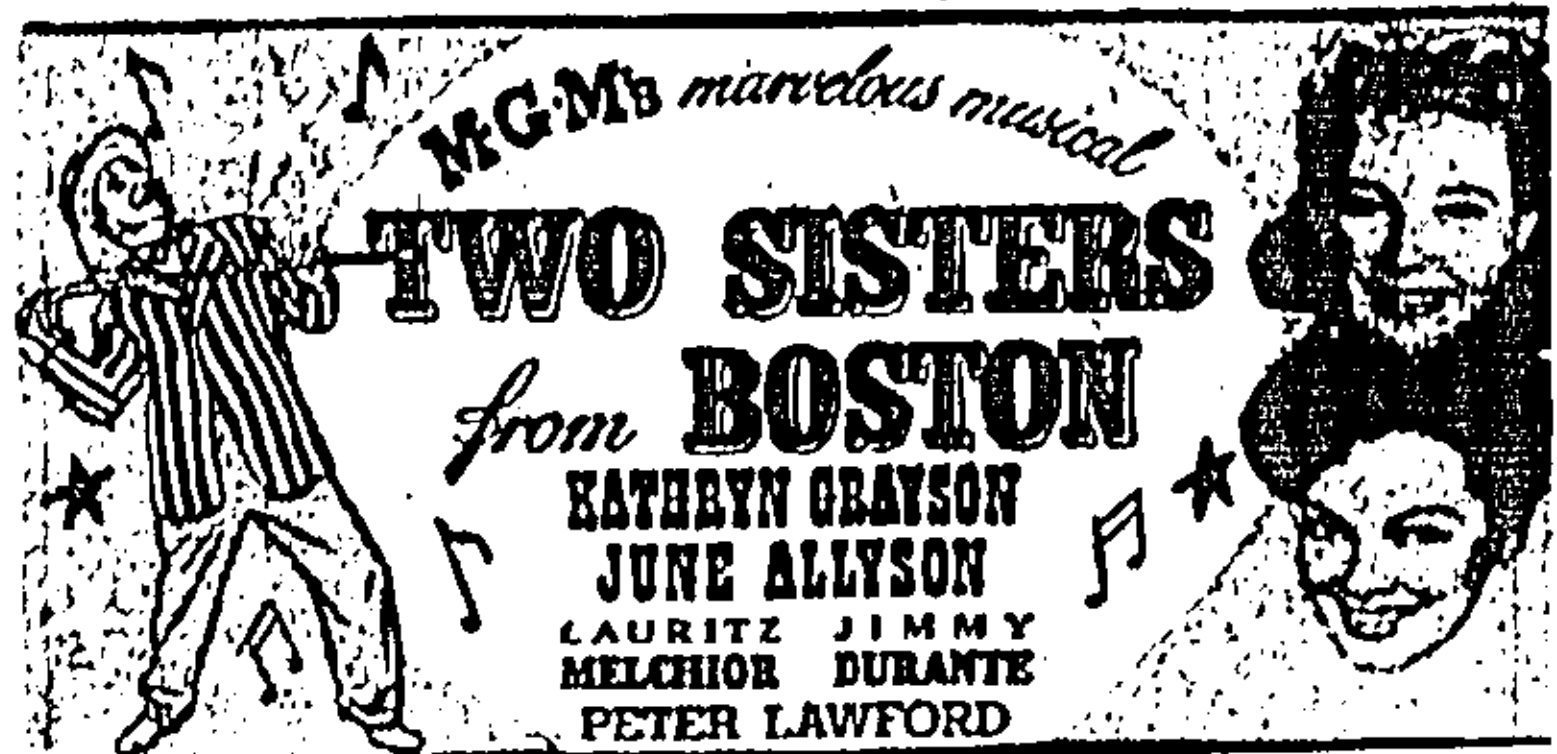
BEVIN TO STAY PUT

London, May 28.
The "Evening Standard"
said today that the Foreign
Secretary, Mr. Bevin, told
Prime Minister Attlee he
wished to remain in his pre-
sent post until after the Lon-
don meeting of the Foreign
Ministers Council in Novem-
ber and therefore could not
accept an invitation to be-
come Britain's "economic
dictator."

Both Mr. Attlee's office at
10 Downing Street and the
Foreign Office said they
doubted there

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COLONY'S TRAMS TO STAY

(Continued from page 2)

slightness of our directors in having secured the services of such an unquestioned authority as Mr. S. R. Geary from the London Passenger Transport Board to advise the company in the matters that have been reported. The substance of his report not only determines issues of policy but independently testifies, in unmistakable terms, to the truly excellent record of Mr. Bellamy's control of our undertaking for so many years; and to the very great rehabilitation accomplishment that has been carried through under the combined efforts of all of those whose work has succeeded in restoring the company to its present satisfactory status. I have no hesitation in claiming that the rapidly with which the Tramway services were revived and have been sustained in action has proved a boon to the entire community.

Wise Step

"None of us, I feel certain, entertain any doubt whatever as to wisdom of the step that has been taken, in the present accounts, of placing the company's capital assets upon a more correct basis of valuation; and, we are very pleased also to learn from the chairman's speech of the improved conditions of workers' service in the company's employment."

"I am very glad indeed to support the proposal of a message of appreciation to be sent after this meeting to Mr. Bellamy, our late general manager, and I also have much pleasure in endorsing the resolution for adoption of the report and accounts as proposed by the Chairman."

The motion was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Then followed the re-election of the retiring Directors, Mr. D. F. Landale and Mr. M. K. Lo and the confirmation of Messrs. N. O. C. Marsh and H. D. Benham's appointment on the board in place of Messrs. H. V. Wilkinson and A. H. Compton, resigned. This was proposed by Mr. E. Grant Smith, seconded by Mr. Kong E-suen, and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-appointed auditors on the motion of Mr. J. H. R. Hance and seconded by Mr. Hudson Chen Wood.

Extraordinary Meeting

Following the conclusion of the annual meeting the chairman, asked the secretary to read the notice of the extraordinary general meeting to amend Articles 127 (a) and (b) of the Company's Articles of Association, in explanation of which the Chairman said:—

"At the meeting just concluded I have fully explained the reasons for the revaluation of the company's assets embodied in the accounts you have now passed and adopted. These accounts show the total of the fixed assets, excluding investments and all current assets, in a sum of \$9,162,000.

"The company's authorised capital, which is fully issued, is \$3,250,000. It is therefore evident that our present capital equals, approximately, only one-third of the real value of the undertaking.

"If further illustration for the need of adjustment is necessary, I would point out that the capital of the company from its inception in 1902 was \$325,000. The tramway first opened for traffic in 1904 after 42 years of development and expansion the present nominal capital of

\$3,250,000 expressed in terms of sterling is only \$203,125. "After difference between the actual value of fixed assets now shown in the balance sheet and the figures hitherto appearing in the books is the sum of \$6,607,801, which represents the extent of your investment in excess of the issued capital of the company. It is now proposed to adjust this by relating the capital of the company more accurately to the value of the undertaking."

New Shares

"This meeting has been convened in order to obtain approval of the resolutions which are before you and which have been published in the Press. The proposal is that the figure of \$6,600,000 shall be capitalised by the issue of 1,300,000 new shares of the company of the nominal value of \$5 each, credited as fully paid in the proportion of two new shares for every one share now held by members on the register at the date of this meeting. Shareholders will realise, of course, that this is not in any way a cash transaction that it arises entirely from an adjustment in the value of assets and in no way affects the earning capacity of the company. In future, the dividend distribution must be spread over the larger number of shares that will comprise the issued capital."

"Before this can be done, we must approve an increase in the authorised capital of the company which, as I have said, is now fully issued. If it is duly resolved to issue these new shares, the issued capital of the company will be raised to \$9,750,000; but your directors consider it expedient to increase our authorised capital to a figure greater than this in order to provide for any possible future expansion of the company. There is, however, no intention at present of issuing any further shares beyond those referred to in the present resolution. It is proposed that the authorised capital be increased to \$20,000,000.

"In order to implement all this it is first necessary to amend the Articles of Association in the manner that is the subject of the special resolution before you. I now, therefore, propose as a special resolution, the cancellation of Articles No. 127 (a) and No. 127 (b) and the substitution thereof of new articles in accordance with the notice read by the Secretary."

Two Resolutions

Upon the motion being seconded by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, it was put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

Mr. Landale then proceeded: "The Articles of Association having been thus amended, I now propose the two following resolutions:—

(1) That the authorised capital of the company be increased to \$20,000,000 by the creation of 3,350,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$5 each.

(2) That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of HK\$6,600,000 being part of the balance standing at this credit of the fixed assets revaluation reserve of the company and accordingly that such sum be and is hereby capitalised, and that such capital sum be applied on behalf of the persons who on May, 29th, 1947, were the holders of the 650,000 issued shares of the company in payment in full for 1,300,000 new shares of the company of the nominal value of

You Can Write To Japan Again

It is officially notified by the Postmaster-General that facilities will now be made available for the carriage by sea of letters and postcards only to civilian addresses in Japan, in addition to the existing services for mail addressed to personnel of the Occupational Forces.

These letters and postcards will be limited to unregistered matter relating to personal or domestic affairs, or to informational non-transactional business communications. They may be written in English, French, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Korean or Japanese. If the address is shown in Russian, Chinese, Korean or Japanese, an interlinear translation must be written in English of the names of post town, island and country of destination.

The postage rates will be:— For letters, 30 cts the first ounce and 15 cts each additional ounce.

For postcards, 15 cts each. Parcels, samples, newspapers etc. are not admitted.

Dates and times of the closing of these mails will be published in the usual daily mail notices.

\$5 each, and that such 1,300,000 new shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of two of such new shares for every one of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the company held by each such shareholder and not as income and further that such new shares shall from January, 1st, 1947, rank for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the already issued shares."

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau who said:—

"Having heard all that has been clearly explained to us by the Chairman in bringing forward these resolutions and in his speech at the earlier meeting, I am sure we are all in agreement as to the desirability of issuing the proposed new shares in capitalisation of the revaluation reserve now appearing in the accounts. And also that we approve the necessary increase of the company's authorised capital raised to the figure of \$20,000,000 to allow for any further development of the company's undertaking should such occasion in the future arise."

Both meetings were presided over by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale, and he was supported by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. N. O. C. Marsh and Mr. H. D. Benham (Directors), Mr. W. F. Simmons, F.C.I.S., A.M. Inst. (General Manager) and Mr. W. H. Paterson (Secretary).

Shareholders present were the Hon. M. T. N. Chiu and Messrs. Lo Yuk-tong, Hudson Chen Wood, Leung Yeh-shui, Tan Eng-hoi, Kong E-suen, C. N. Kong, Lung Ping, U. S. wing, Wong Hing-kwong, P. S. Cassidy, M. H. Turner, J. H. R. Hance, E. Grant Smith, D. L. Ballantine, D. J. Gilmore, G. G. Wood, E. S. Abraham, V. Walker, P. Loureiro, H. Owen-Hughes, G. Abbas and K. A. Mason (representing the Canton Insurance Office Ltd.).

Judge Compliments Complainant

Ma Wang, the complainant in a case against Li Kwong and Kok Man, who were yesterday found guilty by a jury on three counts, namely, armed robbery, demanding money with menaces, and conspiring to obtain money unlawfully, was commended by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Pulene Judge), for his public spirited action which resulted in the tracking down and arrest of the accused.

Chau Kiu, a woman, who was charged together with Li Kwong and Kok Man on the second and third counts, was found not guilty and discharged. On the charge of armed robbery, Li Kwong and Kok Man were each sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour; on the charge of demanding money with menaces, four years' imprisonment with hard labour, the sentences to run consecutively. On the charge of conspiring to obtain money unlawfully, they were sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour, the sentence to run concurrently with the sentence of four years.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, assisted by Inspector Moore, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

It was the Crown's case that Li Kwong and Kok Man (together with others not in custody) armed with a revolver and three choppers, robbed Ma Wong of one watch on Apr. 4. It was further contended that all three accused, together with others not in custody, between Apr. 14 and Apr. 19, demanded the sum of \$1,200 with menaces from Ma Wong or, alternatively, that between those dates they conspired to obtain money unlawfully from Ma Wong.

After the jury had returned their verdict and Li Kwong and Kok Man had been sentenced, Mr. Justice Williams called for Ma Kwong (the complainant) and commended him for his prompt action in getting in touch with the police immediately after the incident and subsequently keeping the police informed while receiving threatening messages.

Mr. Justice Williams said that it was to a great extent due to the action of Ma Wong in co-operating with the police that the accused were tracked down and arrested. He concluded by thanking Ma Wong and saying that he had rendered a service to the public.

Discharged

On the application of DSI C. Pope, Wong Fat-kuen and Yuen Kan-chuen, charged with Chau Chun-hung and Ling Sin-bun with being members of unlawful societies, were discharged by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

The original charge against Chau was withdrawn and substituted by one of returning from life banishment. Accused was banished for life under an order dated April 18 and sent to Canton by train; he returned the very next day.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for re-banishment.

Sentence of one month's hard labour and re-expulsion was passed on Ling Sin-bun when he admitted having been expelled from the Colony for five years on May 3.

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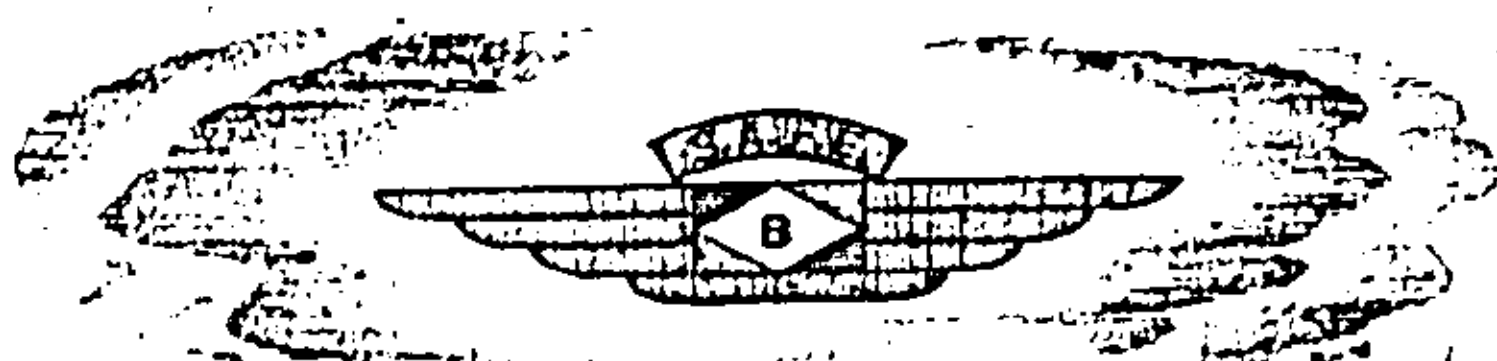
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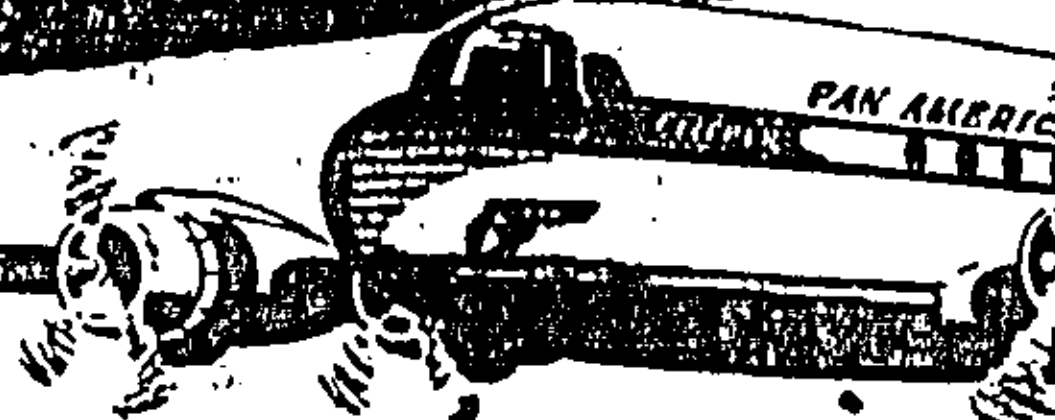
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SERVICE TRAINING

Although the Conscription Bill has passed all stages in Parliament, the controversy over length of service remains. It is generally agreed that the training of most types of service men can be accomplished in twelve months. What is in question is whether within that period they can both be properly trained and be available to serve in garrisons overseas, and all past experience tends to show that they cannot. The Minister of Defence suggests that training will take place mainly in the B.A.O.R. Certainly the facilities there are good, but training and internal security duties are mutually conflicting and, indeed, to large degree, incompatible. It is for the Government to ensure that training staffs are left to concentrate on their essential tasks. Time that can be allowed for activities of a nature not strictly military will have to be reviewed. Above all, time must not be wasted in the continual moving of men from one place to another, which not only prevents all training but is in itself demoralising. Nothing that has occurred since the introduction of the National Service Bill has suggested to those who consider the subject of the British armed forces dispassionately that it is possible to avoid a measure of this nature. The voluntary system only provided a sufficiency of men—when it did that, which was by no means always—in times of industrial unemployment, except, of course, in periods of acute national danger. No one can desire that men should in future be induced to enter the services by economic pressure. Within the services the atmosphere has changed for the better. The outlook of the people upon the Services themselves has also changed; prejudices have vanished or are passing away; and only those who are irrevocably opposed to all forms of military service now maintain an attitude of hostility once common among large sections of the community. Of the necessity for a period of continuous compulsory service, there can be no serious question. Doubt remains whether the Government have not made a grave mistake in cutting down this period by one third, thus leaving upon the country a great deal of the burden imposed by their previous intentions but at the same time considerably reducing the military value of the National Service man who has finished his spell of service.

FOOD CRISIS

The food crisis in Germany continues to cause deep concern and the rising bitterness can hardly be considered surprising, emphasis how much one may say that the Germans have brought their plight upon their own heads. Twelve months ago, and again in the autumn of last year, Germany was faced with a similarly acute shortage. There was then hope that things might improve and that a political settlement might lead to a pooling of supplies and a start in economic recovery. Moscow has come and gone, and now there is no chance for six months—if then—of a German settlement. Everything is undecided—the future of zonal barriers, the constitutional structure, the level of industry, the dismantling of plant for reparations, the opening of trade with outside world, control of industry, the allocation of coal, wage levels, the reform of the inflated currency. The country drifts, and though the Western Allies try to transfer the responsibility to the German self-governing organs it is too often a transfer of a bankrupt business to an unwilling taker. However excellent our motives, one thing makes nonsense of our acts: we cannot ensure that the Germans have a decent minimum of food. Food administration is falling to pieces. The nominal ration is 1,550 calories daily; the big cities get half or less. In the face of that it is idle to condemn the black market; illegal transactions become inevitable and the machinery of collection from farmers collapses. It is time some one faced this head-on. Britain can do little or nothing to help Germans to get more food except

International Problems Of World Recovery

By Wickham Steed

A question often asked, and never conclusively answered, is whether the present state of the world is intrinsically worse than it was two years after the end of the first World War? No satisfactory answer may be possible; yet some points of comparison merit consideration.

When we hear of chronic undernourishment, it is not actual hunger, in Western Germany, of recurring political and economic crises in Italy, of persistent terrorism in Palestine, and of the failure of the great Powers to agree at Moscow upon any constructive policy for the future of Europe, we are apt to suppose that the outlook now is far more sombre than it was in the autumn of 1920.

A vivid recollection of those days inclines me to believe that, though the dimensions of the present world crisis are larger than they were in the critical years after the first World War, they are not necessarily less susceptible of remedial treatment. The difference between then and now is rather a difference of degree than of kind; and if some present difficulties appear forbidding, there are also healthier signs of improvement than any which could be discerned in the early twenties of this century.

All Nations Interdependent

Not for 10 or 12 years after 1918 was the root cause of the severe economic and financial crises of 1929-31 fully perceived. Nations and governments failed to realise that some 410,000,000 worth of accumulated wealth could not be shot away, or otherwise used for destructive purposes, without causing widespread dislocation and impoverishment. They did not see that the comparative well-being of the decades before 1914 could only be regained by co-operative and constructive international effort over a period longer than that of the war itself.

100 Years Ago Today

(From the files of the China Mail, May 30, 1947)

From indisposition we have been unable for the last two issues to present our Readers with the usual quantity of editorial matter but we trust in next publications there will be no deficiency in this respect. The translations from the "Peking Gazette" which were interrupted by the sickness of the gentleman who supplied them, will be resumed at an early date. Today, the news by the mail furnishes ample material for our columns.

The Sexton begs most respectfully to inform the Community that he has provided a Hearse and Pall, which may be obtained on application to him at the Colonial Church; and also that he is prepared to undertake with promptness and dispatch the performance of all necessary services required for Interments, Burials, &c., and will be thankful for any preference which may be given him.

"I have to request that you will acquaint the Memorialists that with every desire to meet their wishes, and to promote the interests of the community, I cannot admit that they have established any good ground for the reduction they seek or that measure would really be for the advantage of the Colony."

Her Majesty's Government is of opinion that after the large grants which have already been made for Hong Kong, Parliament could not with any propriety be asked to provide for the expense of these services to which the Rents in question are now applied, and in which the residents in the Colony are chiefly interested; if therefore these Rents were to be reduced it would be necessary that the deficiency so occasioned in the Colonial Revenue should be supplied by some new taxation."

W. CAINE,
 Colonial Secretary.
 (True extract)

by borrowing dollars from the United States and buying American food for Germany with them. But we have already assumed in the control of the most heavily populated zone of Germany, a task beyond our financial resources. We can give it good government according to our lights, but to hungry people there is a small difference between a good government and a bad one. The only hope for Germany is that for the rest of Europe, the hope that the United States will throw her great resources into the war.

The United States withdrew into isolation behind a wall of prohibitive tariffs, and sought to collect war debts from Europe. Other nations, without the resources of the United States, sought to become equally self-sufficient. Italy moved towards aggressive nationalism in the form of Fascism. Germany passed through one crisis after another until Hitler's Nazism solved her unemployment problem by rearmament in deliberate preparation for war. Neither France nor Britain escaped the grave economic difficulties. Long before 1939, the outbreak of a second world war could be clearly foreseen.

Today, the prospects seem to me potentially, if not intrinsically, less sombre. Though the dissipation of wealth in the second World War was far greater than it had been in the first, and the period of recovery must consequently be more prolonged, no nation, not even the wealthiest or the most powerful, now believes that it is or can be self-sufficient. There is a more real and a more general recognition of the fact that all nations are, and must remain interdependent if they would escape irretrievable disaster. While it is by no means certain that this recognition will foster fruitful co-operation among all of them, it may prompt co-operation among enough of them to check disintegration and gradually to create conditions favourable to lasting improvement.

Temporary Symptom

The acute food crisis in Western Germany, now engaging the urgent attention of the British and United States Governments, seems to me a temporary, rather than a permanent, symptom of distress. Some way of dealing with it will be found, even if a final solution may depend upon a tolerable settlement of difficulties which the Moscow conference of Foreign Ministers failed to overcome. Similar considerations apply to the complications in South Eastern Europe and in parts of the Middle East. Here, a new factor may come into play through the application of the Truman policy, designed to give aid to Greece and Turkey, which has been approved by majorities of nearly three to one in both Houses of the United States Congress. Whether, and to what extent, this factor will also influence developments in Italy, is an open question. The Italian Republic is now bearing the full cost of the

ill-conceived adventure in which monarchist Italy forsook the principles of its own risorgimento, and permitted megalomaniac Fascism to undermine the foundations of a healthy national life.

Among the drawbacks of the Italian position is the loss of Italy's former African colonies. Even should she be allowed to keep an interest in one of them, Eritrea, her desire to regain a hold on Tripolitania and Cyrenaica conflicts with awakening spirit of Arab nationalism in North Africa and throughout the Middle East.

This spirit has been manifest in the special assembly of the United Nations, convened at the request of Britain, to consider the question of Palestine. Slight though the prospect may be that the Committee, appointed to enquire into it and to report to the General Assembly by September 1, will recommend a feasible policy, the enquiry should help to show the Palestinian problem in its true terms as an integral part of the position in the Middle East.

This would be a distinct advantage. The misleading view

that the trouble in Palestine arises solely from British resistance to unrestricted Jewish immigration, might give place to an understanding of the wider bearings of Jewish and Arab claims. Then perhaps, in Palestine as elsewhere, international co-operation might be revealed as the best, if not the only, means of promoting the recovery of the world.

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There is a British club here, the Manila Club, but it is more in the nature of a road house than a social centre. It is the meeting ground of lonely visitors rather than of the herds.

The young men are strict, honourable and serious, and they eschew Filipino girls and night clubs and other frivolities.

How should South play for 5. Hearts here after West leads the diamond K?

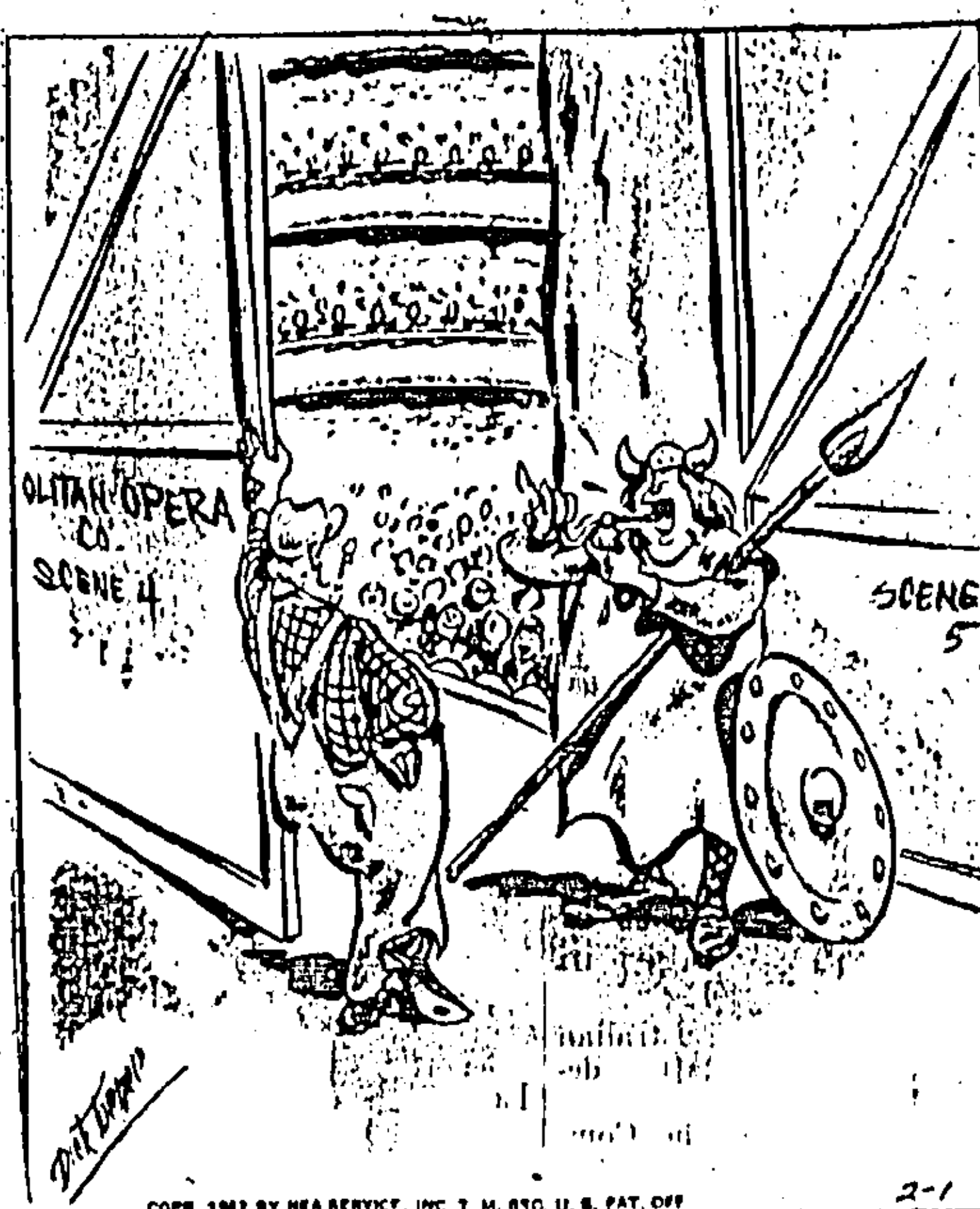
That was about as far from good bidding as you are likely to see, since East and West could have made a heart game without difficulty.

After West took the heart K and Q and led the club 2 to the K and A, South saw he had a chance for a gorgeous score on the tournament hand if he could limit his loss to down one. Losing two tricks in hearts, plus two in clubs and one in spades, would bring him that result if he could avoid losing a trick in diamonds. So he strove for that.

The diamond A and Q were secret, leaving in dummy a tenace over West's trumps. The club 6 was then led, whereupon West secured both the J and Q for his book. He returned the heart A, which South ruffed, a spade being thrown from dummy. The spade 7 was led to the A, for the ailing trick, and West returned the heart 2, which South ruffed

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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They regard newsmen with suspicion and distaste. "Now, see here, old man," one of them said gruffly, going very red in the face. "I understand you're connected in some way with newspapers." I clarified my position without blushing, and he went on: "Well, whatever it is, Manila is a pretty ghastly sort of place but we're doing all right. See what I mean? That's really all that there is to say. I can't see why you want to write about it." I explained that it was an idiosyncrasy of mine. "Rum," he said, "very rum."

On the other hand, there are some that are rational and reasonable, who are more willing to talk. One of them said: "Manila's all right. Of course, the politics here are a bit screwy. The Nationalists say that the Liberals are conservative and the Nationalists are liberal. The Liberals maintain that they are liberal and the Nationalists are conservative, whereas actually they are all members of the same political party."

"But politics aside, there is plenty of room for industrialization here. Everything is available. There is iron, aluminium, manganese, gold, copper, lead, coal, nickel, asbestos and chrome. Both the income and the corporation taxes are low. The Government is friendly. It's fairly easy to do business and things are looking up. All in all, we are doing pretty well."

Despite the good old British reserve, this is representative of the major portion of British business opinion in Manila. Things are definitely looking up. The small beleaguered garrison of 300 Britishers holding the fort here is rapidly being reinforced as more and more sons of Albion arrive on boat after boat. The small British colony is expanding—and the number of cliques is growing. Many newcomers are soon drilled into the herd system. It is a pretty good chance for social survival.

All of which is rum, very rum.—United Press.

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INDIA PLAN SPECULATIONS

Adjustment Of Central Government Machinery

AUSSIE REDS "A MENACE"

Canberra, May 28. Dr. Evatt, Australian Premier and Minister for External Affairs, calls the Australian Communist Party "a menace" in an article dealing with the recent threatened trade union boycott of the Rocket Range in Central Australia.

Writing in the "Australian Observer," Dr. Evatt declares: "It is clear that the Communist Party or any other party becomes a menace to the safety of Australia when it allows its desire to forward the interests of Russia or any other foreign country to induce it to take steps opposed to Australian defence and security."

"No reasonable person will credit the Communist Party nonsense that Australia is joining with Britain and the United States in preparation to launch a war against Russia."

"Any breach of the Criminal Law by people who try to interfere with this project will be met by the application of the existing law. If there are any defects in this law it will be suitably amended."—Reuter.

A Major Question Mountbatten Off For New Delhi Today

(By Frasers Wighton, Reuters Political Correspondent)

London, May 28. An adjustment of India's central government machinery to prepare for the earliest possible transfer of power to a nation divided into Hindustan and Pakistan will probably be out into operation simultaneously with the procedure plan of the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, if the Indian leaders, at the beginning of the New Delhi conference next week, finally shelve the Cabinet Mission's plan for an All-India Union.

London political quarters, after the Viceroy's final conference with the Cabinet Mission experts tonight, think that a central government adjustment will be one of the main questions arising at the New Delhi conference, for which Lord Mountbatten will leave London tomorrow and fly practically non-stop.

These quarters sum up the present position in ten points:—
1. Britain will make it clear that she considers it imperative to the transfer of power on schedule by the end of June next year that all fundamental political decisions be taken now.
2. The immediate speed-up of the actual procedure of transfer is imperative and indispensable to the smooth working of the procedure plan.
3. India will take all vital decisions such as "unite or divide" at top leaders' level, agreements on the shape of partition through

the people's elected representatives, and final details of division by the supreme leaders, by then armed with the broad approval of the elected representatives.

4. If the leaders approve the procedure plan, a proposal will be put forward that they agree simultaneously on a scheme for adjusting the Central Government machinery to assist Hindustan and Pakistan to assume their responsibilities at the earliest moment.

5. The existing Constituent Assembly will provide the vehicle for a reference for the Congress Party, Sikh and other provincial elected representatives. A second Constituent Assembly for Northern India will presumably settle down to carve a separate constitution for Pakistan.

6. Where necessary, independent commissions will be set up to settle questions of boundaries in provinces that may be agreed for partition.

7. Britain wants to complete all arrangements for the operation of the plan in the shortest possible time so that attention may be given to the future of the Indian armed forces.

Dominion Status?

8. The recent attention focussed on the subject of a dominion status in India itself would suggest that this will probably become a topic of the conference, although in what context has yet to be shown.

9. Although the plan of procedure is complete and approved so far as the Cabinet is concerned, it is still amendable to detail alteration up to the time of the conference. The Indian leaders, although they are not in possession of all its details, have a broad picture of what it contains and it may be that between now and Monday they will have certain detail suggestions for incorporation in it.

10. Britain is hopeful that the procedure plan—as yet highly secret—will be announced simultaneously in London and New Delhi within a few days of the start of the conference.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, will make the announcement to Parliament and a White Paper will divulge the plan to the public.—Reuter.

EXPLOSIONS AT SEA

Broadwater, May 28. Below-the-sea explosions from wartime wrecks today shook southern coast towns and brought warnings to bathers to remain within a half-mile of the shore. The police said the shock from explosions, travelling underwater, might cause casualties sufficient to make the best swimmers lose control.—United Press.

War Is Subject To Control

New York, May 27. General Eisenhower, addressing the National Board of Fire Underwriters, today said society should organize to remove war from the inevitable into its proper position as an evil subject to prevention or control.

General Eisenhower listed four basic attitudes which he said would end the weakness that provoked attack:—(1) understanding by people of the causes of war; (2) acceptance by the citizen of his responsibility to correct causes as far as he can; (3) vigilance of the community against apathy or defects that might weaken control of war; and (4) readiness of the nation to act as a single force should war strike.

"For too many generations," said General Eisenhower, "too much of the world has taken it for granted that war is a normal part of human life, whose penalties can be lessened, not by ridding out the cause of war, but only by maintaining so large and powerful a war machine that defeat would be impossible."

The Chief of Staff said war may happen in a world where men comprehend its causes and understand their responsibility to control them, but it would cease to be an institution.—United Press.

Importance Of The St. Lawrence

Washington, May 28. Urging Senate ratification of the treaty with Canada for the development of the St. Lawrence River, Secretary of State Marshall said today that the completion of the project would aid immeasurably United States-Canadian defence of the North American continent.

Marshall, former President Herbert Hoover and others have appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee which is considering new legislation to provide for a \$500,000,000 expenditure on international development.

Marshall said that the St. Lawrence project could "enable us to build ocean-going war vessels in the relative security of inland waters, create a vital new line to the industrial heart of the United States and permit the development of power resources comparable with those in the Tennessee Valley and basins of the Columbia and Colorado rivers."

These power developments had been prerequisite to the development of atomic energy, he added. Hoover said that if a seaway were now available, the United States would be able to move to full volume of surplus food for the benefit of the starving people abroad, but "as things now stand, we are able to move to the Atlantic coast ports only a maximum of 1,500,000 tons of food a month. Even that amount has seriously strained our existing transportation facilities."—Reuter.

P.O.W. COMPOSER AT CONCERT

Shoreham on Sea, May 28. By special permission of the War Office, Rudolf Ortmann, a German prisoner-of-war, was allowed to attend a concert here tonight to hear Miss Mary Gliddons (25 year old daughter of the Rev. Paul Gliddons) sing some songs he had composed for her. But Ortmann was not permitted to accompany the singer on the piano as planned. Ortmann, 32 years old, was a schoolmaster and music teacher in Bostock, a Baltic port, till the outbreak of the war. He has been playing and composing music since he was 12 years old.—Reuter.

Far Eastern Peace Conference

London, May 28. Disagreement has developed between Australia coming British Commonwealth Conference and Britain over the place where the Far Eastern peace settlement is to be held.

The Australian Government feels strongly that the Conference should be held at Canberra or some other Pacific meeting place in July or August. Britain would prefer the Conference to be held in London and the same view is taken by South Africa and Canada.

From the Australian standpoint, the question of the location of the Conference is of great importance. Only by holding the Conference in the Pacific (Canberra feels) will the views of the Pacific powers, who are the parties directly concerned in the Japanese peace treaty, be appreciated.

At the same time, a decision to hold the Conference, as so many Dominion Conferences have been held, in London, would foster the fear that even when the Far Eastern settlement is under discussion, Australia will be forced to play the part of a second-class power.

In Australian quarters in London, it is felt strongly that Australia, as a power which played a vital role of greater importance than Britain, in the Pacific War, should not be relegated to a purely advisory position in connection with the Japanese settlement.

Schmidt Treason Trial

Vienna, May 28. The former Austrian Chancellor, Kurt von Schuschnigg, in a deposition read at the Guido Schmidt treason trial today disclosed that he and his staff fostered certain relations with the Austrian Nazis with the intention of splitting them into two groups.

Interrogated by an Austrian legal expert at his home in Rapallo, Italy, Schuschnigg said that Schmidt, a former Austrian Foreign Minister, also knew there were two groups of Austrian Nazis—one consisting of loyal Austrians who wanted to maintain the country's independence and another group of extreme radicals who wanted Hitler to march into Austria.

Schuschnigg reiterated that during the years of Austria's struggle to maintain its independence there was a "dominating portion of the population animated by the spirit of resistance in case of German aggression."

Schuschnigg said the government at any time was willing to order Austrian soldiers to fight the Hitlerites, provided there was a chance that other powers would come to the aid of Austria within 48 hours. He added, however, that on March 11, 1938, "nobody was willing to help us."

He emphasized that he was not willing to accept the responsibility for enormous bloodshed.

"Air raids on Vienna by the Luftwaffe and a sure change of mind in the Austrian population after the victory of the Germans" influenced him, Schuschnigg said. "It was myself and nobody else who ordered and initiated the plebiscite which made Hitler march into Austria."—United Press.

Sabotage In Goodyear Factory

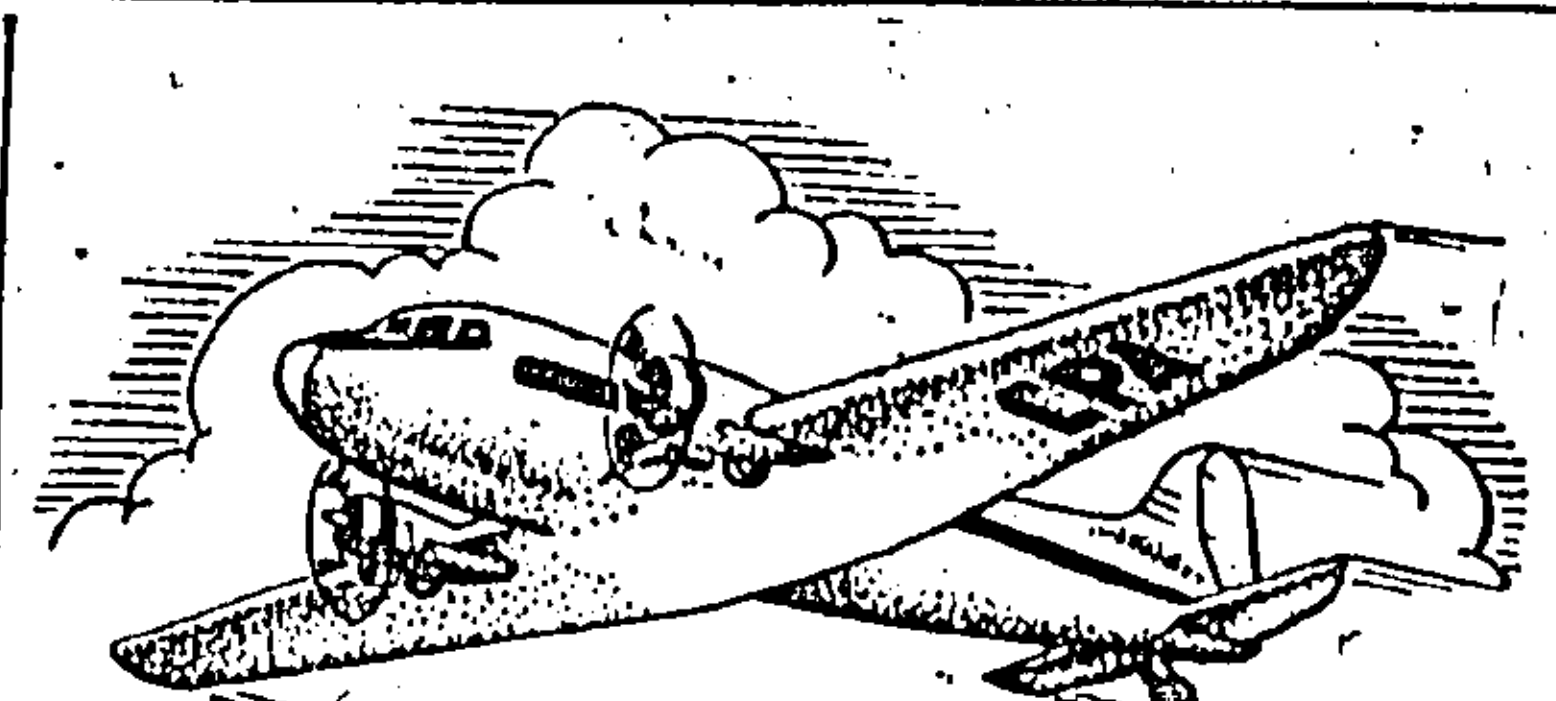
Batavia, May 28. It was learned today that in the Goodyear's factory at Buitenzorg, which recently produced its first inner tube since the war, attempts at sabotage have been discovered, the Dutch news agency, ANETA, reports.

The military police arrested a number of Goodyear's native employees in connection with these attempts.

Goodyear's Director Donald Gow told ANETA today that the sabotage attempts could have had serious effects on the working of the factory had they not been timely discovered so that no damage was done.

Meanwhile, Goodyear's manager has reported the matter to the United States Consul-General at Batavia.

The possibility exists that the sabotage has a political background and a Dutch military statement in this connection is expected.—United Press.



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Canberra, May 28. It is authoritatively reported Wednesday that the Royal Australian Navy has recommended the acceptance of Britain's offer of an aircraft carrier as the nucleus of a balanced squadron of warships.

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The Navy plans the Australian squadron to be built around a carrier, including the existing cruisers "Australia," "Shropshire" and "Hobart," with destroyers and auxiliary vessels.

The new "Daring" class destroyers would be built in Australia.—Associated Press.

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**P.P.C. Members Discuss
Peace Proposals**

Nanking, May 29.

Members of the People's Political Council today went into the closely guarded committee room for deliberations on the proposals they will make to the Government.

**Repairing
Children's
Playgrounds**

Plans for the rehabilitation of all children's playgrounds in Hong Kong and Kowloon are under way and the "China Mail" learns that the Southern, Blake Gardens and MacPherson Playgrounds will definitely be rehabilitated before the end of the current year.

Various amenities for the benefit of children will be provided and adequate steps will be taken to ensure that the grounds are not used by unauthorized persons.

All children's playgrounds in the Colony are under the control of the "Children's Playground Association" which is a charitable organization and has no connection with Government. The latter has, however, always generously lent its support and taken an active part in the fencing and preparation of grounds.

The Association has so far been hampered in its rehabilitation work by a lack of funds, as it depends mainly on voluntary contributions by the public. Another factor contributing to the delay in placing these grounds into shipshape condition is that Government itself has its hands full in connection with other rehabilitation schemes of a more pressing nature.

Children's playgrounds which were most popular in the pre-war era, were allowed to fall into disuse during the Japanese occupation and in some cases, the grounds were used as rubbish dumps.

No Relaxing

June 2 is the anniversary of the anti-civil war movement initiated in Yenan last year, he said. The Generalissimo added that until the Communists were "sincerely and earnestly" prepared to accept the P.P.C. appeal for peace and until concrete measures were reached for the cessation of hostilities, Government forces "will not relax their efforts to protect the foundation of the nation."

Local newspapers today reported that three Liberal P.P.C. members have proposed to Premier Chiang Kai-shek that until the P.P.C. appeal for peace and until concrete measures were reached for the cessation of hostilities, Government forces "will not relax their efforts to protect the foundation of the nation."

These measures call for abolition of the State Council ban prohibiting strikes and demonstrations, release of arrested students, lifting of the ban on suppressed newspapers and another statement of advice by Generalissimo Chiang to the students.

Red's Telegram

No reference was made in the P.P.C. conference room today to the telegram which Mr. Ling Chung, acting head of the Communist relief organization in

Shanghai, said he had sent to the Council members, declaring that he had been unable to relay the P.P.C. invitation to the Communist delegates.

Mr. Ling Chung announced in Shanghai yesterday afternoon that he has sent a message to the P.P.C. to the effect that their invitation arrived too late to catch Mr. Wu Yun-fu, his chief, who left Shanghai the previous day for Communist China, ostensibly on a relief inspection tour.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS

Hong Kong Police Reserve Order No. 12 of 1947:

C. 1. (1) Chau Ching Chiu of No. 1 Company, having returned from Shanghai, has been ordered to report to the Police Reserve Office, Prince's Building, on or before the 31st May, 1947. Traffic Duties: The 12 members of the H.K.P.R. detailed for Traffic Duties are ordered to parade outside the Central Police Station on Saturday, May 31, 1947, at 10.00 hours for measurement of their uniforms.

Part II Training: Lectures in Police Regulations will be held at the Headquarters every Wednesday at 10.00 hours and Sunday at 11.00 hours as ordered. Members of the H.K.P.R. (B) Band are requested to parade at Headquarters on Saturday, May 31, 1947, at 10.00 hours for measurement of their uniforms.

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Services Outplayed Tourists On Top At Pompey

London, May 28.
The South African cricket tourists were not seriously extended by a Combined Services team in a three-day match which began at Portsmouth today.

Plimself, left-arm medium-fast bowler, achieved the best bowling performance since arriving in England and his 53 helped to dismiss the Services for 182. The South Africans replied with 115 for two when stumps were drawn.

TENNIS AT H.K.C.C.C.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis tournament (Club Section) programme for tomorrow (next available day) is:

Men's singles handicap—Court No. 1.—M. Pugh v Captain R. Baxter.

Mixed doubles handicap, second round.—Court No. 2.—F. A. Weller, Mrs. Cusfield v Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mackay.

Mixed doubles handicap, semi-final.—Court No. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet v Lt. Col. M. Reynolds and Miss Beasley.

No future extensions will be granted to any players as the weather has now broken and the tournament must be completed at the earliest possible date. Players unable to turn up for matches on any day on which they have been listed to play will be scratched immediately.

K.F.C. v. RECREIO KNOCK-OUT LEAGUE

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NORTH CAROLINA TRIAL

Jackson, N.C., May 28.
Seven white men will be tried on August 4 on charges of kidnapping Gavin Dunbar, a negro, shortly after he was arrested last week as a suspect in an alleged attempted attack on a young white woman.

On Monday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced that Dunbar was in perfect custody after a "degenerate breakdown" from a gang of armed masked men who abducted him from prison. After his abduction, the police searched for his body as it was believed at one time that he had been lynched.—Reuter.

Next Saturday's Racing

The following are the entries and weights for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting on Saturday, June 7:

Handicap, 6 Furlongs: Fifth Alarm, Jeep Hing, Klu, Masterpiece, Royal Commission, Spanish Lion, Speedway, Thunderbolt and V-J Day.

Bond Stakes (First Section): From the 2-Mile Post: Airfield (142), Blue Peter (149), Eastern Diamond (156), Emerald (152), Fat Choy (142), Flying Wheel (149), Midnight Express (147), Perry (149), Tootsie (152) and Wilhelmina (142).

Spencer Stakes (First Section): 6 Furlongs: Betty Lou (135), Blackie (144), Burge (135), Empress Gate (139), Happy Season (135), Jadestone (140), Narmally (142) and Rosbud (139).

Laurel Handicap, 6 Furlongs: Argentine Moon, Avalon, Cooper, Elmer, Hurricane, Lightning, Lucky Strike, Mainsail, Red Fox, Rose Emma, Shanghai Beauty and Sunshine.

Wooden Stakes, From the 2-Mile Post: Al Fresco (137), Arzac (141), Cassie (137), Honeybelle (141), Kingfisher (137), Kookaburra (144) and Ruby Star (136).

Bond Stakes (Second Section): From the 2-Mile Post: Arabian Moon (147), Crown Witness (150), Flying Arrow (151), Golden Wheel (147), Hot Bolli (140), Jackal (144), Miami Beauty (153), National Congress (151), Peacock (152) and Souvenir (158).

Spencer Stakes (Second Section): 6 Furlongs: Bright Season (135), Golden Swallow (135), Hostile Witness (145), Jinx (138), Kelly (150), Lola Sappo (138), National Hero (138), Sunny (135) and Tunny (135).

T.T. RACES AGAIN

Douglas, I.O.M., May 29.
Stanley Woods, Tourist Trophy motor cycling ace, winner of many prewar races, arrived today with six Italian Moto Guzzi machines which he will ride in the first postwar Senior and Junior T. T. races on June 9, 11 and 13. These Italian motor cycles constitute the only serious foreign challenge.

There are 51 entrants for the Junior, 32 for the Senior and 39 for the Lightweight races. Practising begins Thursday.—Associated Press.

SEARCH FOR ATTACKER

Groton, Connecticut, May 29.
The police spread the search over four states today for Cedric Carpenter, Jr., 27, former welterweight champion of the Navy who allegedly attacked and beat 55-year-old Rev. Nicholas Shepler, his wife and 16-year-old daughter, Evelyn, with a 15-pound furnace shaker.

The Shepler family was found in their blood-spattered home with their skulls split. The state police described the beating as a "brutal, vicious attack." Doctors gave the victims a fifty-fifty chance of surviving.—United Press.

Tokyo, May 28.
Mr. Ashmun, American representative, told the Allied Council for Japan today that he doubted whether any country had achieved such a good public health programme in such a short time as Japan.—Reuter.

Extortion And Bribery Charge

The allegation that PCC Chan Siu-kei demanded the sum of \$50 a month from Man Hing-lap at Lokmachau on April 14, 15 and 16, and that he further instructed Man to collect 30 cents a "carry" of kerosene and vegetables and 20 cents a bag of grain and rice, was made by DSJ V.M. Morrison and his witnesses at the hearing of the charges of extortion, bribery and malicious damage against Chan by Mr. W.H. Lattimer yesterday.

It was further alleged by the Crown that, as the result of the complainant's refusal to pay the "squeeze" (which the defendant allegedly stated was for the purchase of provisions for his colleagues), Chan deliberately broke open three bags of rice, scattering the contents all over the lorry and onto the roadway.

Furthermore (said DSJ Morrison) accused, on April 19, maliciously kicked a basket of fresh fish down from the lorry on to the road when the owner refused his demand for payment.

Defendant, in his evidence, emphatically denied the charges and said that the lorry was searched in the course of his duties. He contended that if the accusations were true, Man would have made a report to the Lokmachau Police Station after his first visit instead of waiting until April 20.

Hearing will be continued on June 2.

Marine Court Cases

Another motor-junk coxswain carrying passengers without a licence was apprehended and charged before Mr. Neil Gaudin in the Marine Court yesterday. He was Chan Kau, and according to the prosecution he had on board 15 passengers when intercepted by the Water Police. A fine of \$200 or two months hard labour was imposed.

Three fishermen using a bright light for fishing off the Kowloon Dock at 4.15 a.m. on May 29 were each fined \$10 or five days.

For lying inshore at night without a permit, a junkmistress was fined \$10 or five days.

Forgot Jury Summons

A fine of \$25 was yesterday inflicted on The Foo-kin, clerk of the Bank of China, by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge), for failing to attend for jury service.

The, who was brought before Mr. Justice Williams long after Court had opened, said that he received a Jury Summons on Apr. 22, but had forgotten about it.

Mr. Justice Williams told the jury that if other jurymen were summoned for service were to give the same excuse, the work of the Court would always be held up.

Cooperation With Russia

(Continued from Page 1)
Security Council of American aid to Greece and Turkey.

The Labour Party adopted a resolution approving Foreign Secretary Bevin's foreign policy.

The Foreign Secretary captured the Labour Party conference with a masterly defence of his foreign policy.

It gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence and rejected critical resolutions in rapid succession by a show of hands. At the end Mr. Bevin received one of the biggest ovations of his public career.—United Press.

Felt Man In Room

Shanghai, May 28.
Chien Po-min, a blind Shanghai resident, collected a C.N. \$300,000 debt early this morning because he alone was able to track down the elusive debtor, Wang Yu-ju.

Executing judgment, policemen visited Wang's room and were just leaving fruitlessly when Chien halted the officers. He felt the bed clothing and insisted that the debtor was in the room.

The cops found Wang hiding under the bed and Chien triumphantly announced his "clue" was simple—the bed-clothing was still warm.—United Press.

THE BRITISH AMATEUR Surprise Defeat Of Champion

Charged With Attack On P.C.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. Onward Szeto before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday at the continued hearing of the case in which Lo Ping-yu is charged on three counts in connection with the possession of a Police revolver and five rounds of ammunition and with causing grievous bodily harm to PCC So Yin on March 29.

The police constable, said witness, was bleeding from both nostrils, had a one-inch cut on the chin, and abrasions and bruises on both sides of the face. The left elbow and left kneecap were fractured. He was also suffering from shock. So Yin stayed in the Kowloon Hospital from March 29 to May 26.

The injuries sustained by Lo, said Dr. Szeto, consisted of a bullet wound in the lower part of the back of the neck just to the right of the midline; another bullet wound on the right side of the face in the region of the cheekbone; two fractures in the right side of the jawbone; and severe shock. Lo was in hospital from April 5 to May 17.

The case was adjourned for one week for Professor Ma Chiam to be called to give expert evidence on the writing found in accused's note-book.

Warders Fined

Two brothers, warders at Stanley Prison were fined \$15 and \$25 respectively by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday for being absent from duty without authority.

Pleading guilty, the elder said he went to the country on May 13 to see his mother, who was very ill and eventually died on May 21. On May 20, he sent for his younger brother to the country as his mother was about to die.

The elder one was absent for 16 days, the younger for seven. They returned to Stanley on May 27. They said they were new warders and could not get leave until after one year's service.

Mr. W.A. Jorje, Chief Warder, said any warder could obtain leave if he applied for it with a reasonable excuse.

Authorities Take No Chances

Jerusalem, May 28.
It was a rough day for newspapermen trying to cover the opening of the trial of five Irgun Zvai Leumi members charged with participating in the attack on Acre Prison on May 4.

Photographers who clambered on the roof of a house adjoining the courtroom were roughly ordered down by the police. Newspapermen were barred from the courtroom for a quarter of an hour while armed guards took their places at all vantage points. Every person entering the courtroom was "frisked" for concealed arms.

A crowd of armed cars provided all streets neighbouring the courthouse and British soldiers pointed Sten guns from the windows of the courtroom—once the spacious Italian consulate.

During recesses, a cordon of broad-shouldered policemen cut off the five accused from all news men and relatives, but there was no violence.

The only excitement came when plainclothesmen quickly rounded up six youths observing the proceedings. The youths were taken to headquarters for further investigation.

The trial proceeded just as have the many other previous cases against extremists. As the court filed in, the five accused jumped to attention and sang the Jewish national anthem.

Their attorney, Asher Levitsky, who also stood at attention, was censured by the Court President for standing. Levitsky retorted: "I don't like the Court's remarks. I stand up anywhere, anytime, robed or unrobed, when the Jewish national anthem is sung."

Three Irgunists, following the usual practice, refused to recognize the Court's jurisdiction since they looked upon themselves as "prisoners of war." The other two accused claimed they were under age, being 17 years old. The first three were Meir Naker, 21, Abraham Martin, 20, and Jacob Weiss, 23. The other two were Amnon Michaelov and Menahem Zitterbaum.

The prosecution said the five youths were captured in an Arab house near Acre, following the attack. They allegedly were taking off Army uniforms, while arms and ammunition were found near them.—United Press.

LABOUR DISPUTE AGREEMENT

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Rangoon, May 28.
The Burmese Government today announced the dissolution of the Civil Supplies Board from May 31. The functions of the Board will be taken over by the newly created Bureau of Commerce and Supply.—Reuter.

HE'D GIVE HIS EYE

Sydney, May 28.
A former Canadian soldier, 25-year-old Gerald Good, today offered to sell one of his eyes if could be used to restore a blind person's sight.

Good said that he could not keep any job because he was subject to epileptic fits and suffered from an ulcerated stomach.

He lives with his wife and two children in a shack near South Grafton, New South Wales.—Reuter.

Services Soccer Win

Hamburg, May 28.
A BAOR Combined Services XI defeated the Scottish Football Association touring team four goals to three here today.

About 30,000 British and German soccer enthusiasts saw a fast and enjoyable game, in which the Services forwards outplayed the Scottish defence in the second half.

The scorers for Scotland, who led by two goals to one at half-time, were Young, of Glasgow Rangers, and Pearson, of Newcastle United, who scored twice.

Sergeant Thompson, of Sheffield United (2), Flying Officer Dutchman, of Leeds United and Corporal Lee, of York City, scored for the Services.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CRISIS OVER

Rome, May 28.
Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Christian Democrat leader, informed President Enrico de Nicola today that he was able to form a new Italian Cabinet, thus ending the country's 17-day-old government crisis, well-informed quarters stated.

It is understood that Signor Gasperi will form a Cabinet consisting of Christian Democrats and a number of experts.—Reuter.

Vegetable Market Praised

The "very good work" being done by the Government Vegetable Market was commended by Mr. W.H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday when Mr. L.M. Gutierrez revealed that the Market handles an average of between 150 to 200 tons of vegetables a day.

Mr. Gutierrez referred to this in the course of his recommendation that Mr. So, a 45-year-old widow, and her co-defendant, Lau Yuen-cho, 42, vegetable dealer, should be cautioned and punished through the court by 14 days in the 31 metre Band (12.80 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.).

The Market Inspector said that Mr. So was one of the biggest importers of vegetables from China and had been closely co-operating with the Market for a long time.

Both accused were arrested by S.I. J.R.M.B. Wall (S.I.K.) and Mr. Gutierrez at 7.40 p.m. on May 28 while doing a wholesale business in vegetables at the Yee Woo Loong and Wing Yick lanes.

The vegetables seized (valued at approximately \$550) were confiscated, and defendants were discharged with a caution.

MACARTHUR'S SON INJURED

Tokyo, May 28.
Arthur MacArthur, nine-year-old son of General MacArthur, suffered multiple fractures to his left arm while ice skating on the Memorial Hall on Wednesday.

Arthur was treated at home by Lieutenant Colonel D.D. Kendrick, SCAR physician, and then taken to the 49th General Hospital last evening. His condition is stable.

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Unknown Doctor's Success

Carnoustie, May 28.
The surprise defeats of Robert Sweeney, last year's runner-up, and Gerald Micklem, English champion, and an incident involving the American Walker Cup player, Frank Stranahan, were the outstanding features in the British Amateur Golf championship here today.

Sweeney, an American living in London, was beaten by an "unknown," Dr. W.E. Scott, postwar graduate of Glasgow Royal Infirmary, in the third round. Micklem lost to J.S. Montgomerie, a West of Scotland golfer, whose only claim to prominence was the setting up of an amateur record of 66 for the Barassie course.

American Baseball

New York, May 29.
Brooklyn unlimbered their big guns to overwhelm New York 14 to 2. The Dodgers went into a temporary tie-for first place in the National League with the Chicago Cubs.

Dodger Catcher Bruce Edwards led the assault, belting a triple with three men on base and a homer with two on. He also singled.

Dodger Right Fielder Dixie Walker hit for the circuit with two men on base and Dodger Second Sacker Eddie Miksa hit a homer and two singles.

In the American League, the Cleveland and Detroit and the St. Louis and Chicago games were postponed because of bad weather.

Boston hit heavily to beat Philadelphia 9 to 2. Red Sox first baseman Rudy York hit a home run.

During a big seven-run spurge in the fifth inning, the Sox's right-fielder Wally Moses hit a single and double while centre fielder Don Diamond, and second-sacker Bobby Doerr each batted in two runs.

The win moved Boston to within 3½ games of the leading Detroit Tigers.

National American

Brooklyn . . . 14 10 2
New York . . . 2 5 0
Winning pitcher Harry Taylor.

Boston . . . 9 11 0
Philadelphia . . . 2 7 0
Winning pitcher Dave Ferris.—Associated Press.

BEST GOLFER

Newton, Mass., May 28.
Bon Hogan received \$1,000 and a trophy today as the "outstanding golfer of 1946" from Elmer Ward, founder of the Goodall tourney. Hogan won 13 professional tournaments and \$42,600 last year.—United Press.

HOME RUGBY

In a Rugby League game played tonight, Salford lost to Belle Vue Rangers by 11 points to 15.—Reuter.

RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
1.30 p.m.—Light Varieties.
1.50 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.55 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
2.00 p.m.—Spanish Song and Music.
2.15 p.m.—A Roger Quilter Programme.
2.30 p.m.—Close Down.
2.40 p.m.—Music from "The Northern Regions."
2.50 p.m.—Studio "See You" on Sports.
3.00 p.m.—Studio "You Asked For It."
3.15 p.m.—Variety Request Programme presented by Lynn Fraser.
3.30 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
3.45 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
3.55 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service "Bonnie to the Stars."
4.00 p.m.—Radio Glee: George Forman and the Hawaiian Band with "Marie (Vocal)."
4.15 p.m.—Eric Coates' "Three Men in a Boat."
4.30 p.m.—"We Sing For You." Anna Elzler and Webster Booth.
4.45 p.m.—Piano Parade: Wilhelm Backhaus.
4.55 p.m.—Cinema Orchestra.
5.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
5.10 p.m.—Puccini's "La Boheme"—Act 1 and 2. Sung by Puccini, Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala, Opera House, Milan.
5.25 p.m.—Close Down.
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